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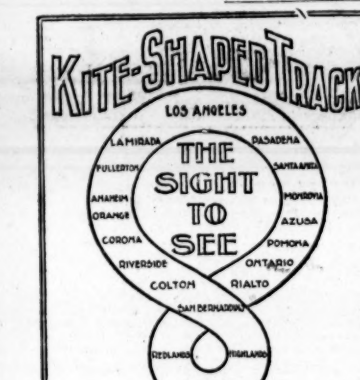
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LOSS OF THE CLARA NEVADA.

Confirmatory News Just Received from Juneau.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
NANAIMO (B. C.), Feb. 17.—A special from Juneau, Alaska, of February 12, confirms the news of the loss of the Clara Nevada, and says that the cause of the disaster was doubtless the explosion of her boilers. Of the fifty people on board none are believed to have been saved. The wreck was discovered by T. A. Markham, customs inspector at Juneau, who ordered the Rustler to the scene in Lynn Canal, where a burning vessel had been seen. Wreckage bearing the name of the ill-fated vessel was found, but there was nothing to show the identity of any of the passengers.
The Clara Nevada was a tramp

steamer and as she was plying between United States ports she did not need to file her passenger list with the customs-house officers. Those she had aboard had been picked up at Skagway, being attracted by the cut she made in rates. It is thought she carried about twenty passengers of whom two or three were women. Several were bound for Juneau and the balance for Seattle.
Frank Whitney of Cripple Creek, Colo., was known to be one of the unfortunate. He had been waiting for his wife to join him at Skagway, and, becoming impatient, boarded the Nevada at the last minute. His wife arrived at Skagway only a few hours after the Nevada sailed, and, learning of his departure, followed him south on the steamer Rosalie, expecting to meet him in Seattle.
All hopes of Juneau are also supposed to have been on the Clara Nevada. This is all that is known of the victims.

FALSE ALARM.

No Hole and No Ground for War Found.

Naval Board Has not Examined the Battleship's Wreck.

The Government Will not Act Until That is Done.

MANY CONFLICTING REPORTS.

Spanish Said to Have Mines in Havana Harbor.

Navy Department Complains of Suppressed Dispatches.

Graphic Stories by Witnesses of the Explosion.

HEART-RENDING SCENES ABOARD

Only the End of the Maine's Mainmast Now Above Water—Ten More Bodies Found—Funeral of the Victims.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has unofficially warned the Spanish Legation not to permit the Vizcaya to come into New York Harbor at present.

The story from Key West about a percussion hole being discovered in the bottom of the Maine is pronounced nonsense. The bottom lies deep in the soft mud, and will require days to examine. Probably the traces of an exterior explosion, if any, were destroyed by the later interior one.

The administration still believes the disaster an accident, and that there will be no war, but is making every preparation for any event. Secretary Long has revoked the orders to place the double-turreted monitors, Puritan and Terror, in reserve at League Island. They are now undergoing repairs at Norfolk. The effect of this order will be to keep the officers and men aboard the vessels, which will be kept in commission and ready for service.

LEE'S DISPATCHES SUPPRESSED.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] It is learned on unquestionable authority that part of Gen. Lee's dispatch yesterday was suppressed. It is also said that his dispatches last night were suppressed. The Navy Department today demanded of the telegraph company the cause of the delay in the receipt of dispatches from Havana. The company claims it was probably due to storms.

Secretary Long said today that the department had believed Havana officials had planted mines, but had been unable to obtain confirmation. This planting would be contrary to international law. Hongkong is the only port where this is permitted in times of peace.

WHAT SIGSBEE WROTE.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Representative Quigg declares that Capt. Sigsbee wrote Secretary Long ten days ago that the harbor was mined; that the Maine was in great danger, and he was ob-



THE ILL-FATED BATTLE-SHIP MAINE, AS SHE APPEARED AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOR OF HAVANA.

serving every precaution, and he advised against sending other ships. The Navy Department this afternoon authorized a denial, but it is so worded as to refer to a statement from Sigsbee, not a letter from him. Nothing has been received from Sigsbee tonight.

WAR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The War Department officers say that they have information that the harbor was mined. Sigsbee said a week ago that he had just learned that it was not. Both statements are authoritative.

The rumors tonight of a meeting of the Cabinet and Congress are pure fakes. It is perfectly quiet here. There is no excitement.

RUMORS DENIED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—In answer to inquiries from all sections of the country regarding sensational rumors, the following statement is made:

"The cruiser New York has not been ordered to Havana; Consul-General Lee has not been assassinated; there is no conference of the Cabinet; Congress is not in session tonight; both Houses adjourned at the usual hour until tomorrow; President McKinley did not go to the Capitol, and the situation is decidedly quiet."

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

AFFAIRS WELL IN HAND.

The Government Now Avails the Inquiry Court's Report.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The government has settled back into a waiting attitude in respect to the terrible marine disaster in Havana Harbor. The great shock caused by the news has given way to a calmer and more judicial state of mind, and realizing from the events of the day that the court of inquiry is the sole dependence in the search for the cause of the Maine's loss, the naval officers are now resigned to await the results of that inquiry by a court named today by the Navy Department.

There was little news to add to the sum of information as to the disaster during the forenoon. No telegrams came, and all that could be gleaned was a denial of some absurd story or other that had crept into print or become current gossip. All the news of the day came in the late afternoon in the shape of Capt. Sigsbee's report of the authorization of the funeral of his dead sailors and Gen. Lee's graphic story of the terrible struggle for life in the dark hull of the Maine.

The officials at the Navy Department devoted the day to the effort of correcting the list of living and dead; to answering frantic telegraphic appeals from relatives of men on the battleship, and last, but not least, in meeting with unwavering courtesy and patience the exacting demands upon their time by the press representatives. The disposition of the survivors Capt. Dickens, acting chief of the navigation bureau, has arranged for as well as could be from this distance.

The wounded sailors in the Havana hospitals, on the Spanish flagship and elsewhere, who were not to be brought back to Key West were looked after by Miss Clara Barton, who has been given carte blanche to buy any and everything necessary of food, clothing and delicacies and hire nurses and physicians. The wounded able to get across to Key West will be taken care of in the Marine Hospital there. The sound survivors will be quartered in the spare army barracks here.

As for the Maine herself, notwithstanding discouraging reports from Lieut. Hood as to her condition, the Navy Department will make the effort to raise her. While this is required by every creditable sentiment, they say they are bound to remove the hull from the small harbor in any case, and it may be as easy or easier to raise her as it would be to destroy the hull and machinery by the use of divers and dynamite. It is believed this work can best be done by private wrecking corporations and negotiations are already on foot for placing the contract, based on work by the day, at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

At the Navy Department specific denial was given of the report, emanating from Madrid, that a torpedo flotilla was about to leave Key West for Cuba. It was stated that only two tor-

excitement than yesterday, when the people were loth to believe that, under the circumstances, the loss of the Maine could be traced to other than Spanish sources.

All the flags throughout the city, including those on the Capitol and the department buildings, are flying at half-mast today, and among the others is conspicuous that of Cuba Libre, which flies from the staff on the Hotel Raleigh, the headquarters of the Cuban junta.

HE WAS ON WATCH.

Succinct Account of the Disaster by Lieut. Blandin.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—Lieut. John J. Blandin of Baltimore, one of the Maine's survivors, who is at the Key West Hotel, gave the correspondent of the Associated Press a succinct account of the disaster, saying that not until now has he been able to recollect the sequence of events in the awful ten minutes following the explosion Tuesday evening. Lieut. Blandin was on the Trenton at the time of the disaster of Samoa, in March, 1889, when American and German vessels lost 244 men all told. He says:

"I was on watch, and when the men had been piped below, I looked down the main hatch and over the side of the ship. Everything was absolutely normal. I walked aft to the quarter-deck, behind the rear turret, as I was allowed after 8 o'clock in the evening, and sat down on the port side, where I remained for a few minutes; then, for some reason I cannot explain to myself, I moved to the starboard side and sat down there. I was feeling a bit glum, and, in fact, was so quiet that Lieut. J. Wood came up and asked, laughingly, if I was asleep. I said: 'No, I am on watch.'"

"Scarcely had I spoken when there came a dull, sullen roar. Would to God I could blot out the sound and the scenes that followed. Then came a sharp explosion—some say numerous detonations. I remember only one. It seemed to me that the sound came from the port side, forward. Then came a perfect rain of missiles of all kinds, from huge pieces of cement to blocks of wood, steel railings, fragments of gratings and all kinds of debris that would be detachable in an explosion."

"I was struck on the head by a piece of cement and knocked down, but I was not hurt, and got to my feet in a moment. Lieut. Hood had run to the poop, and I supposed, as I followed, that he was dazed by the shock and about to jump overboard. I halted him, and he answered that he had run to the poop to help lower the boats."

"When I got there, though scarce a minute could have elapsed, I had to wade in water to my knees, and almost instantly the quantity of water was awash. 'On the poop' I found Capt. Sigsbee, 3 c. As if at a ball, and soon all the officers, except Jenkins and Merritt, joined us. The poop was above water, after the Maine settled to the bottom. Capt. Sigsbee ordered the launch and barges lowered, and officers and men, who by this time had assembled, got the boats out and rescued a number in the water."

"Capt. Sigsbee ordered Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright forward to see the extent of the damage, and if anything could be done to rescue those forward or to save the launch, and officers and men, who by this time had assembled, got the boats out and rescued a number in the water."

"Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright on his return reported the total and useful character of the calamity, and Capt. Sigsbee gave the last order 'Abandon ship' to men overwhelmed with grief, indeed, but calm and apparently unexcited."

"Meantime, four boats from the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII arrived, and he followed escorted by the Ward Line City of Washington. The

Points of the News in Today's Times.

SUMMARY.

Associated Press night report, including commercial, 17,570 words, Times exclusive dispatches, 1807 words; day report, 13,570 words—total, 32,947 24

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The City—Pages 5, 6, 7, 11, 14.

R. A. Bird sentenced to ten years in Folsom for forgery....A would-be drunk-roller catches a Tartar....Negotiations by the city for the purchase of the West Side Water Company's plant....Henry Bailey will plead guilty to the charge of rape....A Van Nuys bell boy arrested for stealing....An attorney's peculiar withdrawal of funds deposited in court....A gambler arrested for striking a woman....Class-day exercises at the High School....Reception in honor of President Dole at the Chamber of Commerce....A "fence" convicted of receiving stolen goods....The new home of the College Settlement....Committee of Thirty adopts a conditional resolution to hold La Fiesta....A halt called on oil development near Westlake Park.

By Cable—Pages 1, 2, 3, 8.

Excitement continues in Havana as a result of the Maine disaster—Much speculation as to the cause—Long list of dead—Spanish officials full of sympathy....Many lives lost by wreck of a French liner in the Canary Islands. Explosion of fire damp in a Prussian mine kills many miners....More sensational developments in the Zola trial....Austrian Diet harping on our fruit.

Financial and Commercial—Page 12.

Heavy selling of stocks at New York, Chicago and Kansas City live-stock sales....Oil transactions....London financial market stagnant, except for Americans....Liverpool, Chicago and San Francisco wheat....Coast produce.

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Dispatches were also received from Springfield, Ill.; Copenhagen, New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Savannah, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Key West, and other places.

Pacific Coast—Page 8.

Further news confirm the loss of the Clara Nevada....Boroughly estate at San Jose must pay a government claim....Bold thieves at Sacramento....Board of Public Works at Sacramento looking after river improvements....Lumber men strike at Tacoma....Racing at Oakland....San Francisco will make no exhibit at Omaha....George B. Speyer, who was accidentally shot in Marin county, will not die....Gold-seekers pouring into Dyea by thousands....Pioneer journalist dead at Oakland....Prosecution closes in Fiegel murder case.

Southern California—Page 13.

Another mysterious assault at Pasadena....Minnesota visitors at San Pedro....San Diego papers charge secret combine between Santa Fe and Southern Pacific....Santa Ana packing-houses busy....Ventura Town Trustees meet....Santa Barbara's missing contractor seen in Nevada....San Bernardino Taxpayers' League meet.

General Eastern—Pages 1, 2, 3, 8.

Great excitement and war talk over the Maine disaster—All kinds of speculation—Many accusations of treachery—An investigation under way—List of those who were killed—Sensational reports of war denied....Alger again succeeds in blocking the San Pedro Harbor....Senate opposes confirmation of the National Woman's Suffrage Association....Death of Miss Frances E. Willard at New York....Wheat makes a record at St. Louis....New Mexico miner kills a constable....Albuquerque murderer protected from a mob....Letter makes half a million in wheat....Eastern division of the Kansas Pacific Railroad sold....American Newspaper Publishers' Association in session at New York.

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WHAT OR WHO DESTROYED THE MAINE?

America mourns the loss of the gallant tars who went to a cruel and untimely death in the terrible disaster in the harbor of Havana—a death doubly deplorable because it has taken from us a fighting force of splendid manhood that had not yet been given opportunity to show the stuff of which it was made. But that that force comprised genuine American pluck we may be sure. We read in the dispatches that twenty-nine of the wounded who are lying in the military hospital at San Ambrosio all show great pluck; or, as the telegram puts it: "You cannot hear a whimper from one of the twenty-nine forms, nor from those anywhere else." The fine fellows who were fit and ready to defend the honor of their glorious country and to uphold the honor of our navy, grin and bear it with that splendid courage and endurance which denotes the hero who would face a double-shotted gun with the daring and sang froid of a Worden, a Farragut, or a Cushing—heres every one, from the middy to the gunner, from the ensign to the commander. The disaster is awful, if an accident, and a damnable crime, if by design. Let us hope that investigation may be able to determine for good and all where the cause rests—if it be the Spanish, or one of their zealous, who has done this thing, we have every confidence that the administration of President McKinley will be found ready and willing to gain reprisal for this awful loss of life and treasure. The American people demand no less than this—a full, complete, searching investigation of the whole affair, and, if guilt be established, that the miscreants who caused the deed shall be brought to punishment, and the loss to this nation be made good to the last farthing, both of indemnity for the loss of life and for the great battleship which has been destroyed.

FISH, CUT BAIT OR GO ASHORE!

When THE TIMES opened a subscription-list with a contribution of \$500, and called upon the public-spirited citizens of Los Angeles to assist in saving the festa, it did so with the assurance that the Committee of Thirty, which had abandoned its work because two expected contributions were withheld, would immediately reconsider its action, take heart of grace, and resume its labors with enthusiastic activity.

This assurance seems to have been delusive. A meeting of the committee was called yesterday afternoon and not more than a third of its members responded to the call. It was not a full committee meeting, and it was not enthusiastic.

The people of Los Angeles, to whom La Fiesta belongs, had a right to expect definite action one way or the other—either a distinct declaration of adherence to the original decision, or an energetic resumption of work with a positive determination to carry it through to a successful result.

Instead of such positive determination, the committee, that has dawdled away the time that should have been devoted to active preparations, adopted a vacillating, tentative, shilly-shally resolution that means, if it means anything, a postponement of work to a time that utterly defeats the purpose of those who have endeavored to revive the moribund festa. It is utterly absurd to waste two weeks in debating whether anything shall be done. Moreover, the "sense of the meeting" carries no assurance that its views are to be adopted by the Committee of Thirty at the end of two weeks.

The small section of the committee

that responded to the call was not sure of anything. It found that renewed interest in the festa only "seemed" to be manifest, and in the matter of its own finances, of which it might be expected to have some definite knowledge, it could say only that a certain amount was "apparently" available.

It is the "sense of the meeting" that if certain conditions shall be found to exist on March 3, the committee shall then begin to make preparations for a grand festa, to be held in April.

Now THE TIMES did not ask citizens to subscribe money on any such proposition. The understanding was that a festa should be held, and the people were assured that the work should begin at once. A postponement of two weeks will not do at all. If there is to be a festa, the work must be started now. THE TIMES does not propose to circulate any experimental subscription-list and leave the final decision to a body that may or may not meet on the 3rd of March, to debate whether it shall then do something or nothing. The next step taken by THE TIMES must be toward a festa determined and fixed, not toward another possible failure.

If the Committee of Thirty has any doubt of the practicability of arranging and completing a creditable carnival in the time remaining, its plain course is to say so promptly, drop the whole matter just where it is, and leave the field clear to others, who may have more energy, enthusiasm and confidence in their ability to get up a people's festa for Los Angeles. Let the Committee of Thirty fish, cut bait or go ashore.

KEEP COOL.

The President and most of the leading public men at Washington have set an excellent example by their coolness and calmness in the face of the emergency which has arisen by reason of the destruction of the battleship Maine. This tragedy, following so closely upon the De Lome incident, and coming at a time when the relations between the United States and Spain are decidedly strained, is calculated to cause great public excitement, and to lead hasty and hot-headed persons into saying and doing things which would better be left unsaid and undone. The official representatives of the government have shown admirable self-restraint in this emergency, and will no doubt continue to do so, pending the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the destruction of the Maine.

It is a time for courageous calmness, not for noisy demonstration and idle chatter. To deny that we are face to face with a grave emergency would be to deny an obvious fact. But the gravity of the situation should serve to steady the nerves and temper the judgment of the American people. We are a great and a powerful nation. Our resources are practically unlimited, patriotism is our common religion, and our powers of offense and defense, if called into action, will be invincible. Knowing our power, we can afford to be patient, and to contemplate the situation with equanimity, whatever may be its eventualities.

It is still a matter of uncertainty whether the battleship Maine was destroyed by accident or by design. Until the facts are definitely ascertained, it is essential, and it is right, that judgment shall be suspended. When the cause of the explosion shall have been definitely determined, our course of action will be made plain.

If it be shown that the explosion was accidental, we will be under obligations to the Spanish authorities in Havana for the assistance they have rendered to our wounded, and the honors they have done to our dead. Let us not be too hasty in our judgment, lest it shall be shown, to our shame, that we owe thanks instead of censure.

On the other hand, if it be shown that Spain is in any wise responsible for this disaster, Spain will be held to the strictest accountability. Our vengeance will be swift and terrible. If the destruction of the Maine be traced to the Spanish government or its representatives, Spain would pay dearly for every dollar's worth of loss inflicted upon us, and for every American life sacrificed. Our vengeance will be none the less severe because of our patience and judicial fairness in ascertaining the truth before proceeding to action.

In the mean time, pending a searching investigation of this deplorable affair, let every loyal and true-hearted American keep his head. Our interests are in brave and capable hands. An American President is at the head of this republic. An American Congress stands at the helm, and the unbounded loyalty of seventy millions of people will sustain our representa-

tives in whatever measures may be necessary to defend the honor of the Stars and Stripes.

DEMAGOGIC DAMPHOOLISHNESS.

Some of the leading spirits of the Bryanite wing of the Democratic party, the Populists, and the silver Republicans (so-called) have held a conference at Washington for the avowed purpose of once more saving the country. After due deliberation, these self-sacrificing patriots have given to the public the net results of their intellectual travail and parturition, in the form of three separate and distinct "addresses" to the public. These interesting compositions bear the earmarks of a common origin. Their subject-matter is essentially the same, their ideas and lack of ideas are almost identical, and it is only in the matter of syntax that they really differ.

The address issued on behalf of the Bryanite aggregation, (which falsely claims to be the Democratic party) is signed by J. K. Jones, chairman of the Bryanite National Committee. That of the Populist contingent bears the signature of Marion Butler, chairman of the Populist National Committee. And to the manifesto of the falsely-named "silver Republicans" is appended the signature of C. A. Towne, who is alleged to be "chairman" of something.

The manifesto signed by Marion Butler is the only one among the three addresses that is really genuine—that makes no pretense of being what it is not, or of not being what it is. The ideas advanced in all three of these outgivings are essentially those of the Populist party. That party is consistent in reiterating its peculiar views, as it has so often done in the past. But the Bryanite crowd is guilty of false pretenses when it masquerades under the name of the Democratic party. And as for "silver Republicans," the name is an absolute and absurd misnomer. No such "critters" exist on the face of the earth, in the waters under the earth, nor in the heavens above. Persons who call themselves silver Republicans are merely Populists in disguise—and very thinly disguised at that.

There is nothing particularly new or original in the manifestos signed by this terrestrial trinity, Jones, Butler and Towne. The burden of each is the old familiar appeal of the demagogue to the prejudices and passions of the ignorant, the thoughtless, the shiftless, and the thriftless. Chairman Jones, in the manifesto promulgated over his signature, says:

"The present administration, called to power on the solemn pledge of the Republican National Convention at St. Louis to promote bimetalism, has formulated and sent to Congress a bill, the leading purpose of which, 'the honorable Secretary of the Treasury avows, is to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard. The country has already, for twenty-four years, been so thoroughly committed to the standard, that the continued fall in prices, must inevitably transfer the property of all those engaged in active business, the actual creators of wealth, whether by hand, brain or capital, to those who, avoiding the risk and effort of active business, only draw interest."

To refute in detail the false assumptions and false logic of these declarations, and of others equally deficient in truth, found in every sentence of the three addresses, would be a work of supererogation. The blatherskite ravings of these demagogues are insult to the intelligence of the American people and a libel upon our system of government.

The country has been virtually committed to the gold standard for half a century. During the past twenty-four years, which Chairman Jones refers to as particularly calamitous, the nation has progressed and prospered. Instead of wages having been reduced, the general average of wages has increased. Work has been "harder to get" only when the policies advocated by Jones and his associates have temporarily triumphed, and have brought depression to the industries of the country. The "value of land and other property" has increased, not decreased. The lives of the people are not "bitter with hard bondage."

On the contrary, while the average conditions of life in the United States are by no means ideal, they are far better than in any other land because the sun; and these conditions have been easier during the past twenty-five years, all things considered, than in any previous quarter of a century in the history of the country.

The sovereign remedy proposed by Jones et al., for the imaginary evils of the "free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of any other nation." In the professed opinion of these statesmen, the adoption of this scheme by the United States would at once do away with all the evils of which they complain so bitterly. But they fail to tell us why, in Mexico and China, the silver standard has failed to bring about the ideal conditions of which they prate. They conveniently ignore the fact, known to all intelligent men, that in those silver-standard countries (which are practically the only silver-standard nations on earth) the wages of labor are lower and the general condition of wage-earners is more pitiable than in any other country.

The currency question in the United

States is not properly a political issue. It is an economic question, pure and simple, which should not be dragged into the mire of politics. We should bring to its solution statesmanship and common sense, and the political demagogue should have no voice in determining the issues involved. All that the business interests of the country require is a stable currency, plenty of money for the legitimate uses of industry and trade, and an absence of constant agitation affecting the vital interests of all branches of industry. So long as the currency is of unquestioned soundness and sufficient in volume for all legitimate needs, it is of minor importance whether it is supplied by the government direct, or by banking institutions subject to the supervision and control of the government.

Jones, Butler, Towne, and their allies are entering upon a deliberate scheme to bunco the American people, by raising an alarm where no cause for alarm exists, and by putting forward as a remedy for ills which are largely imaginary, a nostrum which is without remedial merit for economic ills, whether real or imaginary. Will the American people be deceived and betrayed by such floundering?

The friends of Adolph Luetgert, sausage-maker, who was recently convicted at Chicago of murdering his wife, and was sentenced to life imprisonment, have now a good opportunity to rustle around and produce Mrs. Luetgert alive, if she be living, as several witnesses asserted during the trial. By thus doing, they could fill a long-felt want in the Luetgert family circle.

Mary Yellin Lease has been appointed a life insurance agent at Wichita, Kan. If there's one position in which Mary Yellin will shine more than another, it is in the capacity of a leather-lunged agent for a life insurance company.

The important announcement comes from Washington that "Jerry Simpson approves the President's course in regard to Cuba." This is the severest arraignment of the wisdom of that policy that has thus far been made public.

It is to be expected that reports from Havana, for some days to come, will be more or less contradictory and sensational. But we shall get at the truth of this matter in due course of time, and then—

San José is also smoking out the boodlers. It is glorious work; let the smudging proceed.

Speaking of the enforcement of city ordinances—how about that curfew ordinance?

M. Zola must be picking up a lot of mighty good stuff for a new novel these days.

The De Lome incident may be closed, but the Maine incident is still wide open.

The subject of putting in fire hydrants in the annexed districts was also discussed. The company's engineer, Mr. Adams, said that the hydrants which are recommended by the Fire Chief would cost, with connections and put in place, \$50 each. He said that in addition, the company would charge an annual water rate of \$50 for each hydrant.

The members of the Water Supply Committee thought the water rate extension, if adopted, would be a great hardship on the poor.

No definite conclusion was reached, and another conference will be held soon.

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IN THE MARKET.

A WATER COMPANY WILLING TO SELL TO THE CITY.

Negotiations for the Purchase of the West Side Water Company's Plant—Fire Hydrants.

TEN YEARS IN FOLSOM PRISON.

THE SENTENCE METED OUT TO FORGER BIRD.

A "Fence" Convicted of Receiving Stolen Goods—Soap Secrets the Subject of a Suit Against Erkenbrecher.

A conference was held yesterday between the Water Supply Committee of the City Council and the West Side Water Company with a view to the purchase by the city of the company's system. The company is willing to sell, but the question of price has not yet been discussed.

The subject of fire hydrants in the annexed districts was broached at this conference, but no decision was reached.

Judge Smith yesterday sentenced R. A. Bird, convicted of forgery, to serve ten years in Folsom Prison. An appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken and, pending a decision, Bird will remain in the County Jail.

B. Solomon, who acted as a "fence" for stolen goods at Santa Monica, was convicted of felony yesterday by a jury in Department One.

Barney Bailey, the rapist who assaulted Mrs. M. W. Brown, and who was sentenced to Folsom Prison, was yesterday sentenced to Folsom Prison for a period of ten years.

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The Times

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—(Reported by George E. Franklin, Local Forecast Official.) At 5 o'clock a.m. the barometer registered 29.88; at 5 p.m., 29.86. Thermometer at the corresponding hours showed 50 deg. and 56 deg. Relative humidity, 5 a.m., 93 per cent.; 5 p.m., 80 per cent. Wind, 5 a.m., east, velocity 1 mile; 5 p.m., southwest, velocity 5 miles. Maximum temperature, 52 deg.; minimum temperature, 48 deg. Barometer reduced to sea level.

DRY BULB TEMPERATURE.
Los Angeles 50
San Francisco 46
San Diego 52

Weather Conditions.—There has been a general rise in pressure during the past twenty-four hours north of the 35th parallel, accompanied by fair, cool weather. The temperature has fallen decidedly in the mountain and plateau regions and in the Missouri Valley. The temperature is 4 to 10 deg. below zero in Montana this morning. A trough of low pressure extends from Southern Nevada through the interior of California to Southern Arizona, a condition which has given cloudy and unsettled weather in Southern California, with light rains.

Forecasts.—Local forecast for Los Angeles and vicinity: Generally cloudy tonight, with fog; probably fair weather Friday.

WEATHER FORECAST:
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—For Southern California: Cloudy Friday; warmer on the northern coast; southwesterly winds.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The New Mexican has come out in the role of a prophet. It says: "Mrs. Leese is on the path of severing her connection with the Populist party. She has bought a tailor-made gown and now says she will commence to take Turkish baths." Give us a harder one.

The San José Mercury triumphantly announces: "Germany's exclusion of American fruits has shattered our day by day until it embraces only fresh fruits that are infected with insect pests. And that is a regulation which she would be foolish not to enforce."

As the Oakland Tribune says: "Santa Monica is now on the list for a beet-sugar factory. California farmers are 'pushing along' the good thing they have discovered in the line of crops." All of which is very good if it is not pushed too far. The trouble with most new and profitable industries lies in the fact that they are so soon overdone.

The Fresno Expositor is growing anxious about the Klondikers, and says: "We hope that the authorities at San Francisco will see to it that all the old tubs placed in the Alaskan trade are carefully measured and inspected before being allowed to sail. There are some boats in the lot advertised that we would not like to take our lives into for such a voyage."

The San Francisco Bulletin remarks: "It is rather a shock to those who have been taught to regard all members of the Latin races as being more or less bloodthirsty to learn that the assassin of President Barrios of Guatemala was not one of his own hot-blooded Southern people at all, but a Swiss, a British subject at that, and possessed of the eminently peaceful German name of Zollinger."

Modest little Fresno chirps from its lonesome corner of the globe the following protest against the ever increasing ambition of the South. According to the Republican: "Los Angeles proposes to have the various political conventions held in that city this year. For the information of the southern convention promoters we will state that the Populist convention is already staked out for, and the Prohibitionists are displaying a friendly interest in our incompressible system of using water, and both the Republicans and Democrats are liable to compromise on Fresno, in order to prevent a declaration of hostilities between the North and the South. Fresno is destined to become the convention city of California, and the plains and the heretofore monopolized these warm functions might as well begin to get used to the idea."

TREBLE CLEF CLUB.

Second Concert of the Season at the Los Angeles Theater.

The Treble Clef Club's best friends would be unable to conscientiously endorse over the concert given at the Los Angeles Theater last evening. The work all through the evening was lacking in spirit, volume, smoothness or anything else that goes to make chorus numbers enjoyable, and the concert compared very unfavorably with that given by the club earlier in the season. A detailed account of the agonies is unnecessary, as the club was given numbers, which, under the present leadership, it was entirely unable to handle, and in which the support of the orchestra, with its unruly first violins, and its careless, ragged work throughout, was worse than no support at all. The club's best work was done in the "Psyche" chorus (Thomas), which was given with fairly good shading and considerable spirit.

The soloists were Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball-Wuerker, soprano, and Miss Maud Goodell, contralto. The former is always a favorite with the Los Angeles audiences and her numbers, "Dell'Acqua's 'Villanelle' and 'La Mort de Jeanne d'Arc' (Bemberg) were cordially applauded. Miss Goodell proved herself the possessor of a voice of good quality but lacking in cultivation. Mrs. Wuerker and Mrs. F. A. Dwyer sang the solo parts of the "Song of the Lark" (Hofmann) with which the programme closed.

The concert was directed by Mme. Isadora Maron and assisted by Mrs. Blanche Rogers as accompanist. The following young ladies acted as ushers: Mrs. H. H. Mears, the Misses Dimple Blackinton, Louise Bonobush, Heatie Crippen, Jessie Hartwell, Nellie V. Hutchinson, Amelle Guest, Bessie Littleboy, Ada Showalter, Lillian Whelpley, Gieta Workman, Hatch.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

VAN NUYS.—H. D. Bowker, Massachusetts; J. H. Miller, San Francisco; Guy C. Earl, Oakland; T. L. Galvin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. Stubbs, Lawrence, Kan.; Albert Smith, New York; F. H. Stevens, N. A. Buell, city; W. H. Kelly and wife, C. S. Crandall and wife, W. R. Kinyon and wife, G. R. Kinyon and wife and child, Olatoska, Minn.; H. H. Roxbury, Highland, I. H. Tullings, city; George Spangenberg, Denver; H. H. Ramey, Cleveland; Mrs. Thomas R. Bard, Winslow, Ariz.; Mrs. B. Richards, Chicago; F. H. Eaton, San Francisco; J. W. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Naumburg, New York; Mrs. J. H. Kirchner and wife, C. H. Beers and wife, Chicago; J. H. Berry, Miss Berry and Miss Lettie Berry, Detroit; W. N. Helgate, New York; Carlos Weagener, Portland, Or.; Z. Hache, China; F. Wietzer, Norfolk, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Edway, Raleigh, N. C.; H. Sidway, New York.

FAST-DRIVING NUISANCE.

Milkmen as Well as Scorchers to Be Looked After.

The "scorcher" nuisance having received attention from the police, the milk-wagon fiends are now to be looked after. Capt. Roberts, with an eye focused upon the eternal fitness of the office, has issued orders to the officers of the various watches to restrain the impetuous Jehus who drive the fiery steeds attached to vehicles engaged in the delivery of milk, and compel them to regulate their speed in accordance with law.

Hitherto the milkmen have been led to think, by the immunity granted them by the police, that they owned the town and have exercised a right-of-way on all the thoroughfares thereof. The people have grown tired of being ridden over by milkmen, and now insist that the fast-driving nuisance, as well as the milk-scorching nuisance, be suppressed. Capt. Roberts has made up his mind that "scorchers" are not the only people who need jacking up for making a hippodrome of the public streets. Hence the order to bring the drivers of milk wagons up with a round tug.

Hon. Allen C. Rush for many years Agricultural Commissioner of the State of Illinois now a resident of Pico Heights, came very near being run over by a milk wagon in front of the Van Nuys Hotel yesterday morning. Mr. Rush was riding his bicycle between the car tracks, and seeing a milk wagon approaching at a break-neck speed, he tried to turn to the right out of harm's way, but the wagon bore right down upon him and crowded him within an inch of falling into a trench being dug for the San Gabriel electric power conduit. The driver had ample room to turn out but appeared to try deliberately to ride over the wheelman. Mr. Rush remounted as soon as the wagon had passed and tried to overtake it, but could not ride fast enough to catch up until the wagon stopped in front of a restaurant where the driver had to deliver some milk. Mr. Rush took the number of the wagon and the name of the driver and the driver refused with a curse, to give his own name. In the afternoon Mr. Rush applied to Deputy District Attorney George C. Schreier, who is now against the offending milkman, but as Mr. Rush had no witnesses to bear out his statement of the case, no official action was taken.

VETERANS' REUNION.

Old Soldiers Arrange to Celebrate Washington's Birthday.

The General Committee met last night in Odd Fellows' Hall to arrange for the Grand Army veterans' reunion to be held February 22, in celebration of Washington's birthday. Judge B. N. Smith was in the chair. The reports of the various persons appointed to solicit contributions were heard.

The secretary reported that the parade will form at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 22nd and will be headed by the Rifle Squad of the Los Angeles police; followed by the Soldiers' Home band; the old soldiers from the Home, the Veteran Pipe and Drum Corps, the various local G.A.R. organizations and three companies of the N.G.C. commanded by Col. Schreier, Capt. C. F. Derby will be Grand Marshal of the parade. The parade will form on Fifth street at Broadway, and will march down Fifth to Spring, on Spring to Fourth on Fourth to Main, on Main to Third, on Third to Spring, on Spring to First, on First to Broadway and on Broadway back to Fifth street again. It is expected there will be fully three thousand persons in line.

At 1 p.m. there will be a banquet in Hazard's pavilion. After the feast the afternoon will be devoted to speech-making, and a regular campfire reunion. Various associations of ex-Confederates have been especially invited to attend the campfire.

Mrs. Gen. Fremont and Gen. Rosecrans have accepted and it is understood will be present.

At 7:30 in the evening the doors of the pavilion will be thrown open to the general public. The next meeting of the General Committee will be held tomorrow evening in Elks' Hall, No. 252 1/2 Main street, to make perfect arrangements for the celebration.

HARES AND HOUNDS.

Entries for the Great Two-days' Meet at Agricultural Park.

The attendance last evening at the drawing of dogs for the Sunday and Tuesday's, (Washington's birthday) coursing meet at Agricultural Park, at No. 143 South Broadway was very large, and much interest was manifested. The coursing is a 64-dog stake for a purse of \$200, and the best dogs in the southern part of the State are entered. In addition to the coursing, special attractions will be provided each day. Fancy bicycle riding on Sunday and two horse races—one trotting and one running—on Tuesday.

Following are the entries for the two-days' meet:

General vs. B. B. & B. Lady Singer vs. Tip Stearns, Sky Ball vs. Fox, Punch vs. Red Dick, Jack 1st vs. Maj. Black, Little Pearl vs. Peachie, Monte vs. Emerald, Sailor Girl vs. Rex, Fannie S. vs. Van Brulle, Rag Baby vs. Fannie S. vs. Monte, Moon vs. Business, B. E. V. H. vs. Silk Gem, Blue Bird vs. White Chief, Monday Morning vs. La Fleeta Queen, Hetty Green vs. Lady Wallace, Rialto vs. Grandpap, Grace H. (formerly Grace Hatchett) vs. Jim Crow, A. B. C. vs. Innocent Daisy, Beauty vs. Trip, Queen J. vs. Jeff Davis, Sailor Boy vs. Black Beauty, Snooze vs. Aliso, Ormonde vs. Release, Whittie Bob vs. Dawning, Cyclone vs. Gilrode, Barney vs. Flora, Prince vs. Blue Jay, Lady in Black vs. Here We Are, Juliet vs. Lady Meyers, Romeo vs. Little Queen, (formerly Queen) Queen vs. Orpheum Lass, Poker Davis vs. Swift.

A New Industry Suggested. Alexander Mackenzie of Glasgow, Scotland, has called at the Chamber of Commerce for information regarding shells that may be obtained on this Coast. He is a manufacturer of pearl buttons. He says that most of the shells from which these buttons are made come from the Pacific Coast, and islands of the Pacific, and he believes that gathering shells along California's coast could easily be made a profitable industry. Mr. Mackenzie would like to hear from persons interested in the matter, and any one desiring his address can obtain the same by communicating with Secretary Wiggins of the Chamber of Commerce. The shells most commonly used by the Glasgow pearl-button manufacturers are the Tabita and Panama varieties. The abalone shell has never been used by them. Mr. Mackenzie has, however, sent a quantity of them home to be experimented with.

Newspaper Publishers in Session.
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The American Newspaper Publishers' Association is holding its twelfth annual session at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The session will last three days. The first meeting was called to order by the president, Charles W. Knapp, of the St. Louis Republic. The discussion of topics relating to advertising was taken up. Today mechanical questions will occupy the attention of the association, and Friday will be devoted to the discussion of miscellaneous questions. Friday evening there will be a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria.

A Shirt Tale...

When we purchased the stock of the firm of Pa ry & Pepper there were several hundred pieces of new shirting; which had just been received in stock. Not being manufacturers ourselves, and not wishing to try to sell them by the piece, we sent the goods on to the Standard Shirt people and had them made into shirts for stock. Yesterday they arrived. There are about 800 of them. We have divided them into two grades, \$1.00 and \$1.50; made to your order they'd have been \$2.50 and \$3.50.

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GOOD FICTION...

Harvard Episodes,
By Charles Flannery; price.....\$1.25
A Deep-water Voyage,
By Paul Eve Stevenson; price.....\$1.25
On the Face of the Waters,
By Flora Annie Steel; price.....\$1.50
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The largest, most varied and most complete stock of books west of Chicago.



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The styles for Spring and Summer '98 are settled. The new shoes are here. The swiftest ideas in all the new shoe shades are now to be found in our store. It would be sensible to buy Spring shoes now for the complete assortment is at your disposal. A splendid line of Men's Patent Leathers in new lasts and of elegant making..... \$5.00

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REDONDO.
REDONDO, Feb. 17.—(Regular Correspondence.) A Los Angeles morning paper prints a sensational article in today's issue to the effect that Secretary H. E. Ainsworth of the Redondo Hotel Company, and several of the company's employees, broke into the Redondo Hotel during Manager Dunham's absence, and that upon his return he, with the aid of an unloaded pistol, ousted the invaders from the hotel. The facts, as stated by Mr. Dunham today, are as follows: Certain differences came up between himself and the company. Wednesday morning Mr. Dunham refused to provide breakfast for Secretary Ainsworth and certain others. The latter insisted that they would have breakfast there, and Mr. Dunham locked the rear door. While he was in another part of the hotel the door was broken open and Secretary Ainsworth and six others entered. The matter was finally adjusted amicably. Mr. Dunham says he did not use any pistol in the case.

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Ladies' Tan Covert Cloth Jackets, fly front, silk facings, special; each..... \$5.00
Ladies' Black Clay Worsteds Jackets, blind reefer, faced with same, new designs; each..... \$6.50
Ladies' Tan and Green Broadcloth Jackets, fly front, welt seams, fancy silk linings; each..... \$10.00
Ladies' Black Cheviot, new blue, green and tan Broadcloth Jackets, silk lined, welt seams, steel buckles; each..... \$12.50
Ladies' Tan English Whipcord Jackets, silk lined throughout, steel buckle trimmings; each..... \$13.50
Tan Covert English Walking Jackets, welt seams, fancy checked silk linings; each..... \$15.00
Black extra fine finish Clay Worsteds Jackets, black satin linings, tailor made; each..... \$20.00

LADIES' SUITS.

Blue, tan and green mixed covert cloth suits, fly front walking jacket, colored satin lined; each..... \$13.50
New and navy blue serge suits, blind reefer, tailor finished, taffeta linings; each..... \$15.00
Brown, black and Scotch plaid suits, blind reefer, velvet collar, silk lined; each..... \$18.00
Black serge suits, fly front jackets, lined all through with taffeta silk; each..... \$20.00
Navy, new blue and green serge suits, reefer jackets, braid trimmings, silk linings; each..... \$20.00
Tan mixed Scotch tweed suits, fly front jackets, taffeta linings, pearl buckle trimmings; each..... \$25.00
Golden brown serge suits, blouse front jackets, corded yoke and sleeve, ruffles on skirt; each..... \$30.00
Tan covert cloth suits, silk lined all through, tight fitting jacket, corded yoke and sleeves; each..... \$35.00
Black and blue Bayadere striped suits, blouse front, silk lined, black satin sash; each..... \$40.00

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The Very Best 35c per pound.

5 lb. pkg Grains of Gold.....	20c	2 lb. pkg Parched Farinose.....	15c
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2 lb. pkg Eastern Cracked Wheat.....	15c	4 lb. pkg Royal Breakfast Food.....	15c
2 lb. pkg Pearl Hominy.....	15c	2 lb. pkg Quaker Oats.....	10c
2 lb. pkg Granulated Hominy.....	15c		

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Boys' Long Pants Suits, well made and worth up to \$12. Your choice of them..... \$3.45
Men's Suits in fine worsteds, cheviots, cassimeres and tweeds. Worth up as high as \$18. Choice of any suit in the house for..... \$6.45
345 Men's and Boys' Hats in odd sizes and different shapes. Worth up to \$5. Your choice for..... 49c

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FALSE ALARM.

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directed to pay out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months pay to the legal heirs or representatives of the U. S. S. Maine, who perished in the disaster at Havana, February 15, 1898, and the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act.

DRAFTED NEW YORKERS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The first dispatch received from Key West since 2 a. m. this morning, reached the Navy Department about 11 o'clock today. It is as follows:

"KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The draft that was sent from New York on the 15th went to the Detroit for the Squadron. The only man sent to the Maine lately was John Hamilton, carpenter's mate. [Signed.] "POISYTH."

VISITORS ON BOARD.

A Bomb Could Have Been Smuggled into the Vessel.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Evening World has received from Sylvester Seovel, its correspondent at Havana, the following reply to the inquiry whether strangers were allowed on the Maine on the day of the disaster:

"Yes. Visitors were on the Maine all the afternoon of the day of the explosion. A bomb might then have been deposited near the magazine, as I have already said. Cables are much delayed here."

This dispatch appears under date of today.

SOME INTERNAL CAUSE.

Officers and Seamen at Key West Discredit the Torpedo Story.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

KEY WEST (Fla.), Feb. 17.—The Associated Press correspondent here has had an opportunity to question a number of officers and seamen who were aboard the warship Maine at the time of the explosion. It is the universal opinion of all of them that the explosion was due to some interior cause, and not the result of an explosion of a torpedo on the outside.

GUNNER MELLSTRUP.

Wrote Home That the Ship Was Surrounded by Torpedoes.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

DETROIT, Feb. 17.—A special to the News from Bay City, Mich., says:

"A letter was received today from Elmer Mellstrup, gunner on the Maine, dated February 11, in which Mellstrup wrote that he would not be surprised if they should be blown up any day; that the ship was surrounded by torpedoes and that they could not leave the harbor without the consent and direction of Spanish soldiers."

Mellstrup's letter says:

"The Spaniards have a couple of gunboats and a cruiser and there are two German gunboats. The guns of the Castle are pointed at us. I write. The whole bottom of the harbor is covered with torpedoes, so that if they did not want to let us out we would not be able to. We are being shelled by the Spanish and German men-of-war and they have picked boats out all night watching us."

In a letter dated Feb. 10, Mellstrup says: "Don't look for any trouble unless something very unexpected should happen."

In a letter of January 15, Mellstrup tells of an accident aboard the cruiser Maribled, when five men were injured by a shot. Commenting, he says: "It is a wonder some of the ships don't blow up, they are so careless."

The letters were addressed to the writer's mother, Mrs. James Mellstrup, SEAMAN, NOT GUNNER.

OFFICIAL SPANISH ACTION.

Government of Cuba Resolves to Tender Its Condolences.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Capt. Gen. Blanco today called on the Spanish charge d'affaires of the Spanish legation, giving the formal action of the insular government of Cuba over the catastrophe of the Maine. At the same time, the Alcade, or Mayor of Havana, sent resolutions to the municipality. Señor Dubois presented dispatches to Assistant Secretary Day, who laid them before President McKinley. Gen. Blanco's dispatch was as follows:

"In today's session of the insular government, under my presidency, it was resolved to express through Your Excellency a respectful and feeling manifestation of very high sympathy for the President of the United States for the terrible catastrophe which resulted in the destruction of the cruiser Maine, causing the death of many brave citizens and sailors of that nation. In accordance with this resolution, I request Your Excellency to pray the President of the United States to accept the condolence which I send, deploring, as I do, that this hospitable port should have been the scene of such a great misfortune to the American navy."

[Signed] "BLANCO."

The dispatch from the Alcade was as follows:

"The municipality has passed the following resolution: 'The catastrophe to the Maine has found a sad echo in every heart. It is a terrible calamity, and the American people the expression of its grief, and claims the sad privilege of caring for the wounded and giving burial to the dead. The municipality requests you to express to the President of the United States the grief which is felt throughout the city of Havana.'"

[Signed] "MARQUIS ESTERAR."

The foregoing is all the information received at the Spanish Legation up to noon. Señor Dubois has heard nothing in regard to the Madrid Cabinet's action in regard to the Maine. It was expected this battleship would arrive in New York today or tomorrow and remain two or three days before proceeding to Havana. The legation is also without information concerning the reported note of Spain, closing the De Lome incident.

APPREHENSION AT MADRID.

Spanish Officials Fear the Disaster May Augment American Hostility.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

MADRID, Feb. 17.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The disaster to the U. S. S. Maine is sincerely lamented here, especially by the Spanish officials, whose regret is mingled with apprehension lest the accident augment American hostility. The Queen Regent was visibly affected, and displayed much emotion and pleasure at the friendly conduct of the Spanish sailors and authorities at Havana.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, the United States Minister, is receiving private as well as official expressions of sympathy. The government is confident that

"the able policy of President McKinley and the good sense of the majority of Americans will preserve peace."

El Liberal, commenting today on the loss of the Maine, says:

"Such a catastrophe to humanity claims indefatigable efforts, and of politics is silenced. Every great calamity brings home to the two peoples, divided though they be by animosity and rivalry, that they belong to one and the same family. Our noble-hearted people, seeing the victims, forbear to think of their differences with the United States. Tomorrow they will return to the defense of their rights against all. But for today they feel only sincere and deep compassion for the immediate misfortune. Happy indeed were the Spaniards, who, by saving the lives of the crew of the Maine, at the risk of their own, have enabled them to prove the sentiments of all Spaniards and the traditions of Spain."

"We do not know what may happen tomorrow. We are prepared for any event. But today, let us pass the sword, which we have been forced to keep drawn, to the left hand, and let us stretch out the right hand, not to those who insult us, but to those who weep."

WOODFORD RETURNS THANKS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

MADRID, Feb. 17.—A Spanish Minister, who declines to have his name used, and is the correspondent of the Associated Press, today received the official dispatches agree that the loss of the Maine was due to an accident. He warmly regretted that the jingo element, with palpable bad faith, are endeavoring to make capital out of the catastrophe.

The United States Minister, Gen. Woodford, accompanied by his secretary and the naval attaché of the United States Legation, Lieut. G. L. Woodford, returned to the United States, to thank the government for the assistance of the Spaniards of Havana in saving the survivors of the Maine.

THE VIZCAYA.

Premier Sagasta Holds a Conference With the Marine Minister.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

MADRID, Feb. 17.—Premier Señor Sagasta held an important conference with the Minister of Marine and Rear Admiral Bermejo, on the subject of the voyage of the first-class armored cruiser Vizcaya to the United States. It is said at the Ministry of Marine that a long telegram in cipher has been sent to the Spanish Charge d'Affaires at Washington, Señor Dubois, directing him to give instructions to a precise order to the commander of the Vizcaya as soon as that vessel reaches the American coast, so that he may be prepared to avoid all complications.

It is possible that the Charge d'Affaires will personally go to New York to deliver the instructions, as directed.

SAGASTA TALKS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Madrid correspondent of the World sent the following authorized statement by Prime Minister Sagasta:

"We are grieved and painfully surprised by the catastrophe to the Maine. We feel it doubly because the sad occurrence took place in our waters. We cannot forget the sympathy that was shown by the United States when we lost our cruiser Reina Regente, and the Minister of Marine has conveyed to Gen. Woodford the condolence of the Spanish government."

"Our representative at Washington will convey to the American government the sympathy of our sovereign, nation and government. You have noticed how general and sincere has been the friendly attitude of our press in commenting upon this unfortunate case."

"In a letter dated February 10, his equally friendly conduct of the authorities and people of Havana will go a great way to convince America that we sympathize with her mourning for the gallant crew and officers of the Maine."

"We have heartily approved the conduct of the military, naval and colonial authorities in Spain, whose spontaneous efforts to alleviate the suffering have elicited the official thanks of the American Consul-General, and the commander of the Maine. It is the Town Council in Havana that has offered to cover all the expenses of the funeral and burial of the 264 men and two officers."

"Indeed, I do not apprehend any trouble in our relations with America, an firmly persuaded that this terrible accident will make them closer, if possible, and cement them with sympathy."

"I cannot give you any fresh details of the conduct of the Spanish government, but I am able to state that all the sources of information, Spanish and foreign, are unanimous in attributing it to an extreme desire to do justice to the similar to those that have occurred in the American warship Cincinnati and several vessels of the European powers in the Indian Ocean."

QUEEN REGENT SORROWFUL.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The Queen Regent presided at a Cabinet meeting today. The subject discussed was the loss of the Maine. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Señor Gullon, read a dispatch on the subject from Washington, and the Queen Regent expressed sorrow at the catastrophe.

"The Spanish warship 'Vizcaya' will, it is said, receive her final instructions 'by semaphore' before she enters New York Harbor. The Queen Regent is here at the reported sending of a United States torpedo flotilla to Havana from Key West."

LEFT TO DISCRETION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The government has left instructions to the commander of the warship Vizcaya, leaving it to his discretion when to quit New York. Orders have also been issued to Capt. Sigsbee to open a wireless telegraph station at the Maine.

The government has received a cable message from Washington thanking the Spanish government for the assistance of the Spaniards at Havana after the disaster.

WEYLER'S FLING.

BARCELONA, Feb. 17.—Lieut.-Gen. Valeriano Weyler, who arrived here today, expressed his indignation at the course of the Spanish government in the disaster which had befallen the United States warship in Havana Harbor was "due to the indolence of her crew."

He announced his intention to ask the government's permission to go to Havana and stand as a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies for the Havana District.

BRITISH SYMPATHY.

Prince and Princess of Wales Condole-Press Comment.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

LONDON, Feb. 17.—[By Atlantic Cable.] As the details of the loss of the Maine are published, there are renewed remarks of sympathy here. They are not only in the newspapers, but are to be heard on all sides. Many of the diplomats, including the Spanish Ambassador, have called at the American Embassy and the First Lord of the British Admiralty, George Goschen, has requested Mr. White, the Secretary of the United States Legation, in the absence of the United States Ambassador, Col. John Hay, to express his sympathy to the United States government and to the United States navy.

The provincial newspapers make comments similar in tone to those of the London papers, which devote much

space to the discussion of the disaster. The Pall Mall Gazette, alluding to the bravery of the American officers, says: "Capt. Sigsbee, for one, behaved with a splendid contempt of danger, worthy of the best traditions of the army or navy."

Based probably on two special telegrams appearing this morning in the Daily Chronicle, there is much discussion of the treacherous theory. A dispatch to the Chronicle from Washington said that Mr. Roosevelt and other bureau chiefs, as well as congressmen, are absolutely certain that treachery was the cause of the disaster, while a dispatch to the Morning Post, from New York, says President McKinley has long been suspicious of some atrocious foul play and reported to have confidential reports in his possession that, if published, would cause immediate war.

The St. James Gazette says the conduct of President McKinley in the De Lome incident shows he is not seeking a quarrel, and is unwilling to allow his hand to be forced by the firebrands of the Senate. Yet a President of the United States, though very powerful, may be driven against his will.

Other newspapers comment on the disaster on the leader's lips. The Prince and Princess of Wales have sent the following to the United States Embassy: "The Prince and Princess of Wales deeply regret the loss of the Maine, and their profound sympathy with them and with the whole American nation at the occurrence."

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Woodford, has received a letter from the United States Minister, Gen. Woodford, expressing his sympathy for the people of this State for the gallant deed and wounded of our navy and for the surviving relatives.

LEGISLATORS AROUSED.

Gov. Tanner Invites Illinois to Help Punish the Enemy.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), Feb. 17.—Gov. Tanner today called upon the Legislature to authorize him to tender the President the moral and financial support of the State of Illinois "to punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country." At the conclusion of the reading of his message to the Senate, the Governor said: "I am deeply grieved by the loss of the Maine, and I am sure that the people of this State will sympathize with the people of the State for the gallant deed and wounded of our navy and for the surviving relatives."

"I am unwilling to believe that the loss of the Maine was the result of an accident. I hope the investigation of our government will show that accident was the cause. In view of the uncertainty which exists as to this point, it seems to me that before the Legislature adjourns it should authorize the Executive, in behalf of the State of Illinois, to tender whatever moral and financial support may be necessary in this emergency to maintain the honor of the American flag and to prevent or punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country."

[Signed] "JOHN R. TANNER, Governor."

KENTUCKY DENUNCIATION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

FRANKFORT (Ky.), Feb. 17.—A resolution was offered in the Legislature today asking for consideration tomorrow, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives in Congress to do all in their power to secure independence of Cuba. The resolution denounces the action of Spain and recites the failure of autonomy and all other efforts of the United States government to secure peace.

[Signed] "JOHN R. TANNER, Governor."

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Henry White, Secretary of the United States Embassy, replied as follows:

"I beg to express to your Royal Highness most cordial thanks for the telegram of sympathy of your Royal Highness with my country in the loss of the Maine under such appalling circumstances. I at once called your message to my government. The Ambassador is in England."

[Signed] "HENRY WHITE."

The Lord Mayor of London, Horatio David Davies, sent the following message to the United States Ambassador, Col. John Hay: "In behalf of the citizens of London and myself personally, I beg to convey to Your Excellency our heartfelt sympathy in the terrible calamity that has befallen the American people by the loss of so many of their gallant soldiers."

"BEST OF FRIENDS."

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Sir William White, director of British naval construction, when questioned today regarding the loss of the Maine, said it was impossible to venture a theory unless the British government had received the report of the disaster. He added: "English naval officers are waiting for the reports with the utmost interest, as they, in common with all English officers, feel the most profound sorrow at the disaster, particularly in that it occurred on board an American ship, for in spite of our being the contrary, England and America are the very best of friends."

GERMAN SYMPATHY.

Kaiser Wilhelm Cables Directly to the President.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—[By Atlantic Cable.] Emperor William today cabled to President McKinley expressing his most heartfelt sympathy at the loss of the Maine and so many brave officers and men.

Admiral Knorr, commander-in-chief of the German navy, called today at the United States Legation in Berlin, and pressed the German navy's sympathy. Admiral Von Tirpitz, the Secretary of the Navy, sent an officer on the same errand.

NO HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The North German Gazette this afternoon says it is authorized to state that the recent report emanating from Madrid, that a number of high Spanish officers propose to leave their country to fight against the United States, is utterly devoid of foundation.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

Twelve-inch Mortars Being Hurried.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—The Big Niles Tool Works at Hamilton, O., is turning out 12-inch mortars for the government for shipment as early as possible. Within the past few days the work has been greatly hastened to all appearances.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

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ALL KNOCKED UP.

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"In the opinion of Lieut. John Hood of the Maine, who has just arrived from Havana, the Maine can never again be utilized as a ship. He describes the whole forward body of the ship as completely collapsed, where the shock of the explosion was heaviest. Photographs of the wreck will be sent to the department today."

[Signed] "SICARD."

LEGISLATORS AROUSED.

Gov. Tanner Invites Illinois to Help Punish the Enemy.

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SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), Feb. 17.—Gov. Tanner today called upon the Legislature to authorize him to tender the President the moral and financial support of the State of Illinois "to punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country." At the conclusion of the reading of his message to the Senate, the Governor said: "I am deeply grieved by the loss of the Maine, and I am sure that the people of this State will sympathize with the people of the State for the gallant deed and wounded of our navy and for the surviving relatives."

"I am unwilling to believe that the loss of the Maine was the result of an accident. I hope the investigation of our government will show that accident was the cause. In view of the uncertainty which exists as to this point, it seems to me that before the Legislature adjourns it should authorize the Executive, in behalf of the State of Illinois, to tender whatever moral and financial support may be necessary in this emergency to maintain the honor of the American flag and to prevent or punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country."

[Signed] "JOHN R. TANNER, Governor."

KENTUCKY DENUNCIATION.

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FRANKFORT (Ky.), Feb. 17.—A resolution was offered in the Legislature today asking for consideration tomorrow, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives in Congress to do all in their power to secure independence of Cuba. The resolution denounces the action of Spain and recites the failure of autonomy and all other efforts of the United States government to secure peace.

[Signed] "JOHN R. TANNER, Governor."

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Henry White, Secretary of the United States Embassy, replied as follows:

"I beg to express to your Royal Highness most cordial thanks for the telegram of sympathy of your Royal Highness with my country in the loss of the Maine under such appalling circumstances. I at once called your message to my government. The Ambassador is in England."

[Signed] "HENRY WHITE."

The Lord Mayor of London, Horatio David Davies, sent the following message to the United States Ambassador, Col. John Hay: "In behalf of the citizens of London and myself personally, I beg to convey to Your Excellency our heartfelt sympathy in the terrible calamity that has befallen the American people by the loss of so many of their gallant soldiers."

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"BEST OF FRIENDS."

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GERMAN SYMPATHY.

Kaiser Wilhelm Cables Directly to the President.

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Admiral Knorr, commander-in-chief of the German navy, called today at the United States Legation in Berlin, and pressed the German navy's sympathy. Admiral Von Tirpitz, the Secretary of the Navy, sent an officer on the same errand.

NO HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The North German Gazette this afternoon says it is authorized to state that the recent report emanating from Madrid, that a number of high Spanish officers propose to leave their country to fight against the United States, is utterly devoid of foundation.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

Twelve-inch Mortars Being Hurried.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—The Big Niles Tool Works at Hamilton, O., is turning out 12-inch mortars for the government for shipment as early as possible. Within the past few days the work has been greatly hastened to all appearances.

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The Fraternal Field.

Masonic.

The degree of Master Mason was conferred by Pentapla Lodge, No. 202, Tuesday night, and the same degree by Southern California Lodge, No. 278, Wednesday night, at the Temple.

The Past Master's degree was conferred on ten candidates by Signet Chapter, No. 57, R.A.M., Monday night, and the Most Excellent degree will be conferred upon eleven next Monday night.

Los Angeles Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar, conferred the Order of the Temple last night.

King Solomon Lodge of Perfection, No. 3, will confer the fourteenth degree this evening at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Temple.

Al Malakiah Temple, A. and A.O., Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will have another practice for officers Saturday night, preparatory to conferring the work upon a large class next Friday night.

The Freemason Publishing Company of this city has just issued a directory of the Masonic bodies of this city and Pasadena.

The Masonic Library Association is anxious to secure all the contributions it can for the library.

The Masonic bodies of San Francisco are making arrangements for an entertainment and fair to be given in that city in April in aid of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home at Decoto, whereby they expect to realize about \$10,000.

The formation of a new lodge in the Westlake Park section of the city is being agitated, to be called West Gate, in which event the Freemason suggests that Sunset Lodge change its name to East Gate, and Los Angeles will then have three lodges emblematic of the first days of the craft in the building of the temple.

Sunset Lodge, No. 290, will confer the Entered Apprentice degree upon three applicants Saturday night.

Al Malakiah Temple, A. and A.O., Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has issued a typical folder in colors, which is being sent to members, regarding the meeting next Friday, when at least fifteen candidates will be initiated. The occasion is also the tenth anniversary of the temple, which event will be appropriately celebrated. The temple was started with thirty-two charter members, and now has over 500.

South Gate Lodge, No. 320, conferred the Master Mason degree last Friday night.

Hollenbeck Lodge, No. 319, conferred the Fellowship degree Tuesday night, and will confer the Master Mason degree next Monday and Tuesday nights.

George M. Smith, who died at his home in this city on Wednesday, was a member of several Masonic bodies at Springfield, Mass., whither his remains will be taken for burial. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, under the auspices of the fraternal lodges, with Los Angeles Commandery, No. 9, K.T., acting as escort.

The funeral services of Arthur G. Fletcher, who died in this city Monday, were held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Masons of the city. The remains will be taken to Vermont for interment.

Order of the Eastern Star.

The ladies of the Santa Monica chapter planned and carried out a change in entertainments this week with a minstrel entertainment on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Last Thursday night Sylvia, Chapter of Whittier was visited by two tally-ho loads of members from Pasadena Chapter, No. 106. The occasion was the second anniversary of the Whittier Chapter. Degrees were conferred upon two candidates, and a social session was held.

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Odd Fellows.

MEMBERS are warned against a fraud, giving the name of Frank Clark, and claiming to be a member of Exeter Lodge, No. 88, Nebraska.

T. C. Alexander, who died at his home in this city Monday, was buried Tuesday under the auspices of the order in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

A new benefactor has been instituted at Fort Bragg, and another will be instituted at Hollister next Monday.

Wherever Odd Fellowship exists many hearts will sympathize with F. R. Hunt of New York, the famous and eloquent writer on Odd Fellowship, in the death of his lovely daughter, who was accidentally killed the latter part of January.

Knoxville, Tenn., claims to have the largest lodge of the order in the world, with 559 members, which was instituted last April.

The visit of the members of Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 194, in a body to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 180, was an event of much interest to the participants in the social session that resulted. Refreshments were served and numerous speeches indulged in.

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 194, will confer the Second and Third degrees next Wednesday night.

All the lodges of the city are organizing degree teams for the purpose of competing for a prize offered by George Lawson, D.D.G.M.

Orange Grove Encampment, No. 31, will confer the Patriarchal degree this evening.

The Rebekahs.

STATE PRESIDENT MRS. MINERVA KARNER, has already made over a hundred official visits. She will start on the 27th inst. for a series of visits in this locality of about a month's duration. Her predecessor, Mrs. Greenwood, during her term paid 129 visits, and Miss Fannie Benjamin, who preceded her, paid ninety-eight.

A new lodge was instituted at Fowler on the 3d inst. by Grand Master Drew, the degrees being conferred by a team from Fresno.

A large delegation of members of the order from this city went to San Fernando last night to institute a new Rebekah Lodge with a good membership. Columbia Lodge, No. 194, was present with its degree team, and conferred the work in their usual excellent manner.

Arbor Vitae Lodge, No. 83, and Columbia Lodge, No. 194, are each arranging for entertainments at an early date.

Knights of Pythias.

SANTA MONICA COMPANY, No. 21, Uniform Rank, gave a ball at the Arcadia Tuesday night, which was a decided success. A number were present from this city.

Castle Rock Lodge, No. 151, of Santa Barbara is arranging for the production of "Damon and Pythias" at an early date.

Samson Lodge, No. 148, will confer

the ranks of Page and Knight next Monday evening, with the aid of new and appropriate stereopticon pictures.

Of the numerous socials given by the local lodges lately, none have been better attended and more successful than the one given by Samson Lodge, No. 148, Tuesday evening. A large number of visiting members and friends of the order were present.

Entertainment was served, and with Frank James officiating in the capacity of toastmaster, toasts were responded to by F. M. Nickell, D. Martin, O. S. Cooper, D. Jones, Leslie R. Hewitt, R. J. Adecock, F. R. Willis and G. W. Aylesworth. Other features were music by the Mandolin Club, A. H. S. Perkins recited "Hullo," and Sherman Smith read an original poem.

Park J. Dew of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 208, will leave for his home to seek his fortune in the Klondike region.

The arrangements are all completed for the anniversary celebration of the Pythian Temple, to be held tomorrow night. John R. Newberry will preside, and among the features of the evening will be the installation of officers and inspection of Los Angeles Company, No. 25, Uniform Rank.

In charge of Maj. C. O. Alkire of Riverside; speeches by A. L. Selig, Frank James, D. Jones, Leslie R. Hewitt, R. J. Adecock, F. R. Willis and G. W. Aylesworth. Music, recitation by Capt. G. S. Adolph, violin solo by Plummer Montgomery, music by the Third Regiment Band and an orchestra.

Knights of the Maccabees.

THE Supreme Tent wrote \$32,709.00 for the business last year, and the year closed with \$181,000.00 in force.

Los Angeles Tent, No. 2, at its meeting Wednesday night, received five new applications, elected nine to membership, reinstated one, and initiated one. On the night of March 2 the tent is arranging for the initiation of a large class, when the full amplified work will be performed by the crack team of the tent. Next Wednesday is the regular social night for the tent, admission to which can only be obtained by ticket. On the night of March 9 a large number of the members will be initiated into the mysteries of the Oriental degree.

Redondo Tent appears to be enjoying an era of prosperity. Tuesday night twelve candidates were initiated, and a number from this city assisted in the ceremonies. About thirty-five more will be initiated at an early day.

Native Sons of the Golden West.

ON THE eve of his departure from this city, Grand Trustee L. W. Byington was given a farewell dinner at Jerry Hilch's Ramona Parlor, No. 109. S. A. D. Jones presided as toastmaster, and appropriate toasts were responded to by a number of the members. Those present were: Grand Trustee L. W. Byington, Mr. Frank Sablich, S. A. D. Jones, L. E. Aubrey, Lorenzo Soto, R. A. Stansforth, H. C. Lichtenberger, C. S. Marston, I. B. Dockweiler, W. J. Varrel, F. A. Stevenson, L. A. Valentine, George B. King, Cal F. Joy and M. E. C. Munday. Mr. Byington departed for Bakersfield Monday, where he visited the parlor that night. He was accompanied by Grand Trustee Frank Sablich.

The members of the order in Grass Valley and Nevada City, where the next Grand Parlor will meet, are actively preparing for the proper entertainment of the delegates. Nevada City wants the delegates to stay five days, but Quartz Parlor in Grass Valley wants them one day. The delegates will be entertained in the grandest style of any session yet, among the features of the entertainment being a visit to the mines in the vicinity and a huge banquet.

Charles A. Sumner of Oakland Parlor, who died in this city Monday, was buried yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Masons of the city. The remains will be taken to Vermont for interment.

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March 2, and on the night of the 16th the board meets with Court Angelina, No. 3422.

The High Court has again moved its headquarters to rooms 49 and 50 Phillips Block.

High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh started for his tour of visitations in the northern part of the State on Monday, going direct to San Francisco, where he was given a rousing reception Tuesday night. He will remain in that city for two weeks and address a series of public meetings.

W. R. Ueber, D.S.C.R., expects to institute a new court with over fifty members in San Diego tonight.

Court Los Angeles, No. 422 had two initiations and twelve applications last night.

Court Los Angeles, No. 18, Companions of the I.O.P., had several initiations last night, and received several applications.

The exercises were all completed.

At the close of the session of Court Los Angeles tonight, El Malakiah Temple, No. 880, Princes of the Orient, will take charge and initiate a class of novices.

Grand Army of the Republic.

THE reunion campfire and entertainment to be given at Hazard's Pavilion next Tuesday will be the greatest demonstration of the kind ever held in this country.

Stanton Post and W.R.C. joined in giving a Lincoln night celebration at Bixby Hall, South Spring street, last Friday night to an audience that filled the hall. The exercises were all appropriate to the subject in hand, and many reminiscences of the martyred President and his many acts were related with spirit that evoked a thrill of patriotism through the hearts of the auditors.

Stanton Post and the Veterans' Life and Drum Corps, and the High School, were also present.

Columbia Circle, No. 24, Ladies' of the G.A.O., will give a party for old folks' entertainment and social, in Foresters' Temple, No. 1294 West First street, Saturday evening, February 19.

Woodmen of the World.

LA FIESTA CAMP, No. 63, had initiatory work Monday night. This camp has received a dispensation from the Head Consul for admitting members at reduced rates until May 1.

Los Angeles Camp, No. 623, had four initiations billed for last night.

Special Organizer E. C. Lockard is organizing a new camp at Whittier, and meeting with fair success.

The members of the order who attended the funeral of the wife of Neighbor J. P. Treasure Tuesday and presented a fine floral tribute.

Head Clerk of the order, J. P. Treasure, has been chosen general commanding the Veterans' Legion of the United States. The position will not interfere with his duties as head clerk.

The Fraternal Brotherhood.

THE ladies of Hermosa Lodge No. 32 tendered a surprise to their Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Kuhn, on the night of the 8th and made her the recipient of a handsome present. A musical and literary program was given, followed by a banquet. Among those present were: Mmes. and Messrs. J. B. Kuhn, C. P. Dandy, Robert Peters, C. O. Roe, A. O. Gale, Mmes. Josie, Willie, and B. B. Dimond, Alida, Barnes, Jennie, L. Walsh, A. Ross, McDonald, M. Collins, Dr. Mary E. Donaldson, Dr. Gettie E. Hammond, F. L. Bandholz, Maudie Kuhn, Elsie, Mattie, Gail; Messrs. G. J. Engkele, Frank C. Peters, Simeon White of China and Secretary Norwalk, prominent members of the order, were recent callers at the Supreme headquarters.

The reception given by the ladies of Hermosa Lodge, No. 32, to the members of La Grande Lodge, No. 9, at T.E.B. Hall last Friday night was one of the finest affairs given under the auspices of the order in the city. Among the features of the evening were an address by George L. Keefer, President of La Grande Lodge, cards, music, refreshments and a social session. The committee of arrangements was composed of Dr. C. J. Tracy, L. F. Shepard and Dr. H. Wilkinson; the Reception Committee of C. O. Hawley, Dr. C. E. Smith, George L. Keefer, Dr. C. B. Newkirk, Dr. H. G. Bayless, R. S. Whitesell, R. C. Woodward and William F. Weisner. The entertainment of C. E. Bly, W. T. Mosgrove and Clement.

Hermosa Lodge No. 32 initiated three and received eight new applications Monday night.

Mrs. Emma R. Neldig, Supreme Vice-President, returned Tuesday from her Eastern trip and immediately began active work in the ladies' branch of the order.

Reports of increase in membership come from Pomona, Redlands, Randsburg and other places.

Deputy Brunson is at work in Kernville and Deputy Munson at Hueneume with good prospects of instituting good lodges at those places.

La Grande Lodge No. 9 found time to initiate two candidates last Friday night.

At the entertainment to be given by Pasadena Lodge No. 24 on the night of March 3, Judge J. R. Rosier will preside and Gen. John R. MacArthur of this city will deliver an address. Other participants will include Tom Barnes, Miss Lawrence, George, Fred, Hood, Maudie and Guy Hill, J. C. McPherson, A. O. Gale, C. E. Allen and F. E. Burnham.

Improved Order of Red Men.

AT THE council of Cocopah Tribe No. 81 last Friday night F. L. Anderson was appointed Second Brave and C. W. Anderson as Fourth Warrior to fill vacancies. F. R. Bass of Montezuma Tribe No. 71 was a visitor and gave good talk.

Articles of incorporation were filed in San Francisco last month for an I.O.R.M. Home, an institution to be established for the care of orphans of deceased members and to provide a hospital for the care of the sick.

Royal Arcanum.

AT THE last meeting of Sunset Council No. 1074, Lewis Miller was elected secretary, vice F. W. Prince. Fifteen applications for membership were received. This council will give a musicale and hop in honor of Supreme Warden Thomas A. Parish and wife at Bixby Hall, next Monday night, among the features of which will be the presentation of the "A Fraction of a Woman," music by the Seventh Regiment orchestra, Misses Edith Miller and Josephine Eachus, Mrs. and Miss Schriver, a recitation by E. R. Jeffery, whistling solo by Hilda Steiner and a story by Alfred E. Cohen. The entertainment will conclude with dancing.

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Reports from councils throughout the State show a decided increase in membership, which indicates that the Grand Council will be organized in the near future.

Supreme Warden T. A. Parish has been visiting the Council at Redlands, where he found the order in good condition. He reports that a new council will be instituted at Riverside in March.

Independent Order B'n'e B'rith.

I. J. ASCHIEH, Grand Secretary, has issued a circular of information giving in brief all that was done at the recent District Grand Lodge, from which it appears that the 12th of each year shall be designated as the B'n'e B'rith day, when the members will in their lodge rooms pay proper tribute to the country and the order. The Grand Lodge will hereafter convene on the third Sunday in February. The Daughters of Judah was recognized as an auxiliary body of the order. Assessments are made payable by the lodges, of forty days from date of levy. Charges must be preferred against non-beneficiary members who marry and neglect or refuse to join the beneficiary rank at the time allowed. Endowment initiation fees are abolished. Talismans and visitations will soon be issued by the Grand Secretary, which will be divided throughout the entire year.

Young Men's Institute.

MONTGOMERY COUNCIL, No. 423, postponed its 5th announced for Monday night out of respect to the memory of the late Father A

ORCHARD, FARM, RANCHO AND STOCKYARD.

Crops and Markets.

FARMERS are still anxiously waiting for rain, which, up to this writing, has not yet fallen, though there are good indications, and there is still plenty of chance for a good, soaking rainfall.

The orange market has held up better than was generally expected under the influence of the freeze, and the consequent dread of damaged fruit among eastern dealers. Fancy navel oranges are worth \$1.50 to \$1.80 f.o.b.

In a communication from John E. Packard of Pomona, published in The Times of Thursday, that gentleman suggests another plan for marketing the orange crop, namely, the holding of auctions at two points in Southern California, and sold upon the other point ready for inspection. In this manner, Mr. Packard suggests that buyers would be forced to come here and purchase either personally or through their representatives.

Mr. Packard claims that the exchange plan of sale delivered, and the dealers plan of sale f.o.b., can neither of them be a perfect success as a large percentage of the fruit is controlled and sold upon the other plan. What guarantee has he, however, that it would be possible to combine a large percentage of the growers under the plan which he suggests? Almost any plan of marketing the fruit could be made successful if \$5.00 per cent. of the crop could be absolutely controlled, but to do this is where the difficulty comes in. Hitherto it has been found very difficult to get the fruit-growers of Southern California to work in harmony for their own interests. The nearest approach to success has been made by the Southern California fruit exchanges.

In an interview, published in the San Francisco Chronicle, George Frost estimates the injury to the orange sections of Southern California as not exceeding a loss of 2 or 3 per cent. of the total crop. This estimate is below the mark. After the first severe freeze, The Times estimated the loss by frost in this section at about 10 per cent. of the total crop. Since then, however, there was another severe and protracted cold spell, which did much damage, so that the estimate should now be at least doubled. It should be understood that this loss is very far from uniform in the various orange-growing districts. It will vary from almost nothing in some of the most favored sections to almost everything in some of the least favored and most exposed places. At the beginning of the season, the present crop was estimated at from ten to eleven thousand carloads. Today it would not be safe to reckon on an output of more than 9000 carloads.

In the local produce market, eggs have been a trifle firmer, and butter has been a little weaker. The absence of rain tends to make feed of all kinds very firm. The cheapest hay is quoted at \$12 a ton.

Advertising California Olives.

LIVE-GROWERS in this section are somewhat discouraged at the low prices which prevailed for olives toward the end of the season. On the other hand, olive-packers complain that they have found it difficult and expensive work to introduce California olives in the East. This statement is somewhat of a surprise to the growers, as only recently it was announced that the demand for California olives in the East was growing rapidly, and that the supply of first-class olives was scarcely sufficient to meet the demand.

The private dealers in olives can scarcely be expected to bear the whole expense of introducing a new article in which they have no monopoly. This is a matter which directly concerns the growers. S. Polaski of this city, who has an olive ranch in the Los Angeles county, has taken much interest in this question, and suggests that a meeting of Southern California olive-growers should be held for the purpose of trying to adopt some plan to popularize the California product in the East, such, for instance, as the sending of a carload of olives through the eastern States. Mr. Polaski will be pleased to hear from those who are interested in the subject.

One feature that must not be lost sight of in this connection is the necessity of establishing standard brands, so that when an eastern dealer orders a further quantity of a brand of olives which pleases him, he may depend upon getting it. This is the difficulty which stood in the way of introducing California dried fruits more rapidly in Europe. It would be a good thing if the olive-growers would organize in each of the olive-growing sections of Southern California and establish packing-houses where uniform brands of olives could be put up. The cost of such packing-houses would not be great, and would soon be covered by the better prices obtained for the fruit.

An Ancient Device.

THAT there is nothing new under the sun is brought to our notice almost every day. According to a Mr. Irving, who is quoted by Redlands Facts, smudging against frost is an ancient practice. The application of artificial clouds for this purpose, says that gentlemen, who evidently have been looking into the matter, dates back to remote times. The Greeks, Carthaginians, Indians and others made use of them for protecting different crops. When there are fears of an approaching frost, writes Plato, one should burn in the fields vine roots, piles of straw, weeds or branches, the smoke produced therefrom being an excellent preventive. Another writer, Garcilaso, relates that before the conquest of Peru by the Spaniards, if at nightfall the weather was clear and cold, the Indians, fearing the approach of frost, and in order to protect themselves against it, would burn manure to create smoke, as they said this had the same effect as the natural clouds in warding off the frost and acting as a protecting covering from the cold.

A Profitable Fruit.

AN EXCHANGE recites that many of the estates on the warm southern slopes of Maueira Island, formerly covered with vineyards, have now been systematically planted with the cherimoya, a tropical tree fruit. A single specimen of this fruit sells in the London market at from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and even more, and weighs between three

and eight pounds. The Journal of the Jamaica Agricultural Society suggests that Jamaicans give the cultivation of the cherimoya more attention. It grows and does well in the mountains of that island.

The cherimoya or custard apple, as it is sometimes called, grows and ripens its fruits in sheltered sections of Southern California. There are a number of these trees in Santa Barbara county and in the Cahuenga Valley. It might pay our fruit-growers who have a suitable climate to plant a few of these trees, although it would not be wise to expect a very large demand for the fruit, at least not until consumers should have begun to acquire a taste for it.

Marketing Products.

AS AN agricultural exchange recently remarked, what the farmers of California particularly need to study is not so much the growing of fruits and other products as the best method of obtaining profitable prices for them after they have been grown. Most of the fruit-growers of this State are fairly well informed on the subject of horticulture and are able to raise first-class fruit, but it is only a few of them who have thoroughly studied the question of marketing the fruit to advantage. If farmers' clubs and associations would devote more attention to the subject of "how to make farming pay," we might hear less complaint of the poor returns achieved by our fruit growers.

Fertilizing Orange Groves.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(To the Editor of The Times.) Is it not possible that the orange growers of Southern California are using too heavy application of fertilizer either commercial or natural?

Large handlers of California navel oranges in Boston and New York ask me, "why are your navel oranges light and thick-skinned? They do not compare with the fruit received from your country in past years. This question was asked me in December and long before any frost had reached this market. The only solution of the problem that I can suggest is, 'too heavy fertilizer,' especially of nitrogenous fertilizer, like sheep manure, large applications of which tend to make thick skin, rough, light weight and an early ripening fruit."

The dealers here call this light-weight fruit "frost" and I know the bulk of what they look upon as "frost" is not frost, but it is light-weight and thick-skinned. The opinion of many that this is "frost" is not without effect on the market, and I have no doubt but present low prices are in great part due to the general opinion that much more of our fruit is damaged than is really so. Would it not be well for your horticultural papers and societies to consider this subject?

R. H. SHOEMAKER, Jr.

Windbreaks and Frost.

THERE is much discussion in many sections of the influence of windbreaks on frost. There are those who claim that windbreaks cause the frost to settle around orange trees and thereby increase the damage done, while there are not wanting those who claim that the effect of windbreaks is to protect the trees. It does not seem to me that the question is a very difficult one to solve. The participants in the discussion that both parties may be correct. As a matter of fact in many localities can be seen windbreaks which have undoubtedly contributed to the damage of oranges in the past few weeks, while there are other localities where it appears equally conclusive that windbreaks have protected by similar windbreaks.

The fact is that frost is distributed over the country in much the same way as water, and it requires great intelligence to perceive that a dam may protect one parcel of land and cause the flooding of another. In the same way we are forced to conclude that the topography of any given section determines the value of a windbreak. In any orchard in which frost has a natural tendency to concentrate, and a poor opportunity to escape, there is abundant evidence that a windbreak would be a great advantage if so situated as to obstruct the frost laden air, while the orchard on the other side of a windbreak may have the effect of checking the movement of the air which otherwise would break the frost away.

In Covina is an orchard surrounded by a dense growth of cypress. The fruit is quite badly frosted though orchards in each of the olive-growing sections of Southern California and establish packing-houses where uniform brands of olives could be put up. The cost of such packing-houses would not be great, and would soon be covered by the better prices obtained for the fruit.

On the other hand, in Lower Duarte, where there is a poor opportunity for frost to escape, there is abundant evidence that the orchards below windbreaks are better than those which are not so protected. At Old San Bernardino is a windbreak which has acted as a dam and his inundated the orchard of a neighbor across the street with frost. Similar instances to these have been noticed in many other localities.

The Commission Trade.

AT THE late convention of the National League of Commission Merchants, George W. Barnett, a commission merchant of Chicago, delivered an excellent address in which he made a change from the old to the present methods of conducting the commission business, was admirably stated. In the conservative old days, the commission merchant was one of mutual confidence and esteem. Once a year a member of the firm visited the sections from which he expected consignments, renewed his acquaintance with his shippers, looked over their crops, and judged what the volume would be. The customer learned from him the general condition of trade, and could judge something of the returns to be expected. The merchant, when he went home, had no doubt of receiving the entire product of the shipper, and had no doubt of receiving promptly the exact net returns. Under these circumstances the merchant became fully informed of the character

ter and the amount of the business which he could expect to handle, and could make preparations accordingly. The grower did not dread sending less than the whole of his produce, or of changing his commission merchant without notice. The result was that the merchant got his stock from a comparatively small number of shippers, with slight expense of solicitation and book-keeping.

A little later, although Mr. Barnett does not exactly say this, sharp men found out that farmers could quite generally be led by the nose almost anywhere, and proceeded to do it. A new concern starting in trade would send out runners to excite distrust of the old houses, more by insinuation than by direct lies which could be faced down, and to ask for "part of the shipments to see who would do the best." Of course followed by the raw, threadbare device of returning more than the market price for a few shipments, to justify the insinuations which had been made, and get more of the trade. This gradually increased, until now few firms can get shipments except by keeping drummers constantly circulating among the farmers. These, of course, have to be paid from the business, or, in other words, by the farmers. Instead of one man now getting all the trade of a shipper, it is divided up among a large number, none of whom know what is going on in the market for which the market must be made after arrival. The cost of the drummers and the extra book-keeping, and the increased expense of the new commission men, many of them unscrupulous and irresponsible, so cut the profits that the merchant is driven from the commission business and compelled to buy and sell upon his own account, and to become a direct competitor of his consignors.

With opportunity, undetected, to buy goods consigned to him cheaply and resell at a profit. Some of course go further than that, and actually make false returns, of which almost every commission merchant in the trade has been accused in most cases, probably unjustly.

The result of all this is the present deplorable condition of the trade between two classes who almost hate each other, continue to do business without confidence and without friendship, and after great deals of actual rascality on both sides. The cause of the trouble lies deep in the nature of humanity, and is hard to reach. So long as farmers and shippers will attract sharp men to fool them, as certainly as molasses will attract flies. So long as honorable men have competition from dishonest men, they will themselves be tempted to engage in questionable practices, and sometimes they will yield. This condition of the trade is not caused by the cause of the numerous organizations for cooperative selling. These succeeded in so far as the farmers who organized them have the stability of character to sustain them. The proposed free market in this city is an effort to break down the trade in this city under such conditions as will tend to square dealing on both sides, with resulting mutual confidence. Hence, Mr. Barnett's address for all that we have written, but from the tone of his address, which we find in the Fruit Trade Journal, we are sure he would agree with it.—[San Francisco Chronicle.]

An Unnecessary Appropriation.

IN THE Agricultural Appropriation Bill to be presented to the House is an item of \$130,000, to be devoted to the free delivery of garden and other seeds for the farmers. The year's delivery of these seeds is now being made. There is this legend printed on the bottom of each package: "Please report the result of your trial to this department." At the head of the package is "U. S. Department of Agriculture." The package at hand franked across the continent in a special mail bag with five like packages, is containing the following "choice" and "rare" seeds: Onion, yellow Strasburg; turnip, purple-top strap-leaved; lettuce, curled Simpson; radish, French package; tomato, perfection.

In this list are some old friends of our youth. It matters not when Simpson first looked upon this glorious world as a proper field for lettuce, when he passed to pastures new, his lettuce, like the brook, will flow on forever. At the head of the appropriation, the legend was intended to be the dissemination of new varieties, or old varieties in new areas, and if the intention of the appropriation followed, a single seed to a locality, of a variety and desirable plant, whose culture would add to the wealth and happiness of the nation, then the appropriation would be valuable. The experiment stations of the educated States distribute to each section plants generally better adapted to their localities.

A compliance with the request to report to the department of the growth of these plants would be a valuable contribution to the government and a contribution to the department, requiring a large share of the appropriation to build up the nation to hold its own in the world. The Mail and Express has a fine article on the head when it says: "This whole custom, which has grown to the proportions of a great business, is a nuisance, is based upon the insupportable assumption, that the American farmer is either too poor or too mean, to buy his own seed." It would be better to appropriate this fund to the division of entomology, to study the insects in our fields and to apply to agriculture and how to destroy and foster them.—[Colton News.]

POULTRY.

THERE are many California poultry raisers who can profitably follow the example of Kansas, who are utilizing the rabbit pest for the benefit of his poultry. He writes as follows to an exchange:

"As rabbits are a nuisance here, I shoot and trap them, skin and clean them, and chop them up (bones and all) with a sharp hatchet, block of wood. The birds soon know by the sound of the hatchet what I am about, and flock around me, and as soon as the meat and bones are scattered I scatter it around. This furnishes both meat and bone, and costs nothing except for the shot."

Rhode Island Industry.

RHODE ISLAND turkeys are famous for their quality. Some of our readers may remember the appearance of those turkeys exhibited in the dressed-poultry department of the Boston show. In the best markets in New York City, Providence, Newport and Boston they had those from other sections. In the same markets they often bring 10 or 12 cents more than those from all other States except Connecticut. About New Year's a leading New York paper quoted Rhode Island turkeys at 28 cents, and everything else in the turkey line at less than 17 cents. Many growers are interested to know the reason for this. It is not their fame in the past or because they are scarce that they sell for the most; it is on account of their superior quality. Much of the high quality is due to the plump, compact breeding stock used and to the way it is managed; also to the care taken in growing and fattening the young

turkeys. The pains taken in dressing and preparing them for shipment, however, probably does more than all else to give them their high standing.

Of course you cannot dress a turkey in every way previous to killing him so as dressed that it must be classed with that which is inferior. Again, the handsome young turkeys that are perfectly dressed, if packed along with ill-dressed ones or with tough old toms and hens must be classed with the latter and go for less than they are worth. For many send nothing but "fair to poor" stock to market. In many cases it is simply because they do not know how to prepare it so it will bring all that can be got for it.

Successful Rhode Island growers as a rule send their turkeys first to start to finish on northern white flint corn, which they themselves grow. They take great pains to use nothing but well-seasoned old corn, because they have found that new corn causes bowel trouble, which is more to be feared in a turkey than any other fowl and is more prevalent among turkeys than any other disease, and a bird that gets sick is apt to die. Foraging in a field, and eating green corn, may give them diarrhea and much loss.

Turkeys not only like northern flint corn best and fatten best on it, but it makes the flesh tender, juicy and delicious. They give the little ones a coarse ground and mixed with sweet or sour milk or made into bread and fed with milk. This is gradually mixed with cracked corn, which, when they are about eight weeks old, is fed clear or mixed with milk. In the fall whole corn is given.

Turkeys which can be given full liberty from the first on a dry pasture lot will grow faster and fatten better and roost wherever they choose, thrive the best if they escape accident or enemies. Two turkey hen mothers and their brood will generally keep their forces, apparently for mutual protection from hawks and other enemies. Where they cannot be given full liberty, the best plan is to give them pasture daily and milk, corn, gluten and wheat, as well as corn, to take the place of insects. Great pains should be taken to keep the brood overfed and that they are given as much liberty for exercise as is possible.

The brood may be prevented from leaving a certain field by shingling the mother turkey so she cannot fly over the wall or fence. This, however, places her at the mercy of dogs. After the brood is established, the hen is fed but twice daily.—[S. Cushman, in Farm Poultry.]

LIVE STOCK.

NEBRASKA cattlemen are seriously concerned over the number of complaints from the Hudsonian doctor, Hooper, Neb., addressed to the Governor, complaining of a new and fatal disease among the cattle there. Nothing similar has ever been seen in Nebraska, and experienced stockmen assert that the disease is unlike anything they have ever heard of. All letters designate the disease a "foot rot." Hundreds of cattle have died recently of the disease. The feet of the afflicted animals turn black in a night, and within twenty-four hours begin to peel and crumble away until nothing but the bone is left. This disintegrates the foot, and the animal must have his foot amputated. The cattle die, apparently of blood-poisoning.

Future of the Horse Industry.

MANY horse-breeder are led to believe that present low prices continue almost indefinitely. They are not. The horse industry will never again bring good prices, is, in my opinion, a great mistake. The farmer must have his horses. The mature horse on the farm today need have little fear of being displaced by machinery. No motor car will ever take the place of a horse. The horse will continue to be a valuable asset on the farm. The horse industry will never again bring good prices, is, in my opinion, a great mistake. The farmer must have his horses. The mature horse on the farm today need have little fear of being displaced by machinery. No motor car will ever take the place of a horse. The horse will continue to be a valuable asset on the farm.

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says he once sowed three ounces of wheat upon square rod of ground, rows twelve inches apart. He says:

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BUSINESS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE TIMES.
Los Angeles, Feb. 17, 1898.
BANK OFFICIALS MUST SHOW DEPOSITS. The question of whether a grand jury has the power to compel the officials of a bank to show the time deposits of their customers, in order that the grand jury may see in certain individuals have made false affidavits to the Tax Assessor, has been brought up in the Circuit Court at Clinton, Mo., J. S. Calfee, cashier of the Citizens' Bank at Windsor, and F. M. Osborn, cashier of the Farmers' Bank at Windsor, having been summoned before the grand jury, refused to produce the time-deposit books, and were adjudged in contempt.

A NOVEL FRAUD. The scheme which men employ to raise money when they are in financial straits are innumerable and generally successful until they are exposed. A novelty in this line was recently reported in Chicago. A man accused in the publishing business was in need of money, and he obtained from a moneyed friend three promissory notes for \$500 each. These notes he indorsed, and had them discounted at his bank. So far his acts and intentions were honest enough. The notes were payable in three, six and nine months, respectively, and the moneyed friend was very particular that they should be taken up promptly on time, saying that future financial favors would depend on this. A day or two after the first note fell due the maker received what he supposed was the note, marked "paid" with a red stamp, and with the signature torn off. At the end of six months he received the second note, as he supposed, in the same condition, and of course he took it up. A day or two after the third one, but before it became due the publisher failed, and in the course of time the moneyed friend was called upon to make good on the last note, but the other two also. They had never been taken up at all. What about the notes received by the moneyed friend, marked "paid"? Well, the body of the original notes had been filled out by the publisher in his own handwriting, and he had taken the precaution to fill out duplicates, which, however, were not signed at all, but carefully put away, to be used in case of emergency. When the first note fell due, the publisher was unable to meet it, but knowing the bank people very well had no trouble in getting a renewal by paying the interest. But he did not dare let his moneyed friend know the facts, and there was where the duplicate notes came in. The publisher had stamped these duplicates "paid," tear off the signature, and sent it to his friend. Of course the publisher had to arrange the matters ultimately, but his business didn't prosper as he hoped it would, and failure brought about discovery. He was arrested, and for some time in jail, but was never tried, there being some doubt as to whether he could be convicted of any crime.

COMMERCIAL.
GROCERIES IN DEPARTMENT STORES. The London Exchange says that the continuous agitation for several years past by the populace of large cities against groceries being kept for sale in department stores is fast causing that class of traders to discontinue groceries.
To run a first-class grocery in a businesslike way demands a large amount of experience and ability which cannot be acquired in a few years.

GENERAL BUSINESS TOPICS.
HAWAII AND BEET SUGAR. A misunderstanding has arisen between the beet-sugar manufacturers and farmers of Nebraska, which promises trouble. All the contracts of the company this year have been inserted in the effect that if the Hawaiian annexation bill becomes a law the producers of beets shall receive only \$3.50 per ton, otherwise the price paid last year, \$4 per ton, shall prevail. The farmers refuse to sign these contracts, and the Beet-Raisers' Association has officially declared its position that it will be raised in the State this year.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.
EGGS, BUTTER AND CHEESE. Eggs are cleaning up well in wholesale hands and prices are accordingly stiffer. Butter is weaker, owing to more liberal supplies from the West, and the market with "process" butter.
Cheese remains firm and active at last quotations.

POTATOES, ONIONS, VEGETABLES. Onions are in more liberal supply, but prices are well maintained. Potatoes and vegetables are firm.
POTATOES. Per cwt., Highland Burbanks, 1.00; per cwt., Red Blakes, 1.00; per cwt., Nevada, 1.25; common, 75¢; per cwt., Sweet Potatoes, per cental, 1.00; per cwt., Onions, per cwt., 3.00; as they run, 2.50; per cwt., 2.50.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

SHARES AND MONEY.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

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VEGETABLES.—Beets, per 100 lbs., 85¢; cabbage, 25¢; carrots, 15¢; turnips, 15¢; Hubbard squash, 50¢; tomatoes, 1.50; cauliflower, per dozen, 40¢; celery, 45¢; lettuce, 1.50; spinach, 20¢; parsley, 20¢; radishes, 20¢; beans, 20¢; dry chiles, 75¢; green peppers, 17.50; per lb., 1.50; green peas, 40¢; string beans, 15¢.

POULTRY AND GAME.

POULTRY.—Per doz., good heavy hens, 4.50; light to medium, 3.75; 4.00; young roosters, 2.00; old roosters, heavy, 4.50; broilers, 3.00; 4.00; ducks, 5.00; 6.00; turkeys, live, 12.00; per lb., dressed, 15¢.

GAME.—Per lb., rabbit, 1.00; quail, 1.00; doves, 50¢; plover, 75¢; common quail, 50¢; English snipe, 1.00; teal ducks, 1.25; 1.50; wildgeese, 1.25; 1.50; sprig, 2.00; 2.50; mallard, 4.00; 4.50; canvasbacks, 5.00; 5.50; brant, 3.00; 3.50; conkers, 5.00.

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APPLES.—Per box, fancy bellerose, 1.25; 1.50; fancy red, 1.00; 1.25; choice red, 1.00; 1.25; other varieties, fancy, 90¢; 1.00; choice, 80¢; common grades, 50¢.

ORANGES.—Per box, fancy, 1.50; 1.75; seedling, 1.00; 1.25; Tangerines, 1.00; 1.25; per lb., 1.00; 1.25.

PINEAPPLES.—Per doz., 5.00; 6.00.

LEMONS.—Per box, 2.50; 3.00; 3.50; 4.00; 4.50; 5.00; 5.50; 6.00; 6.50; 7.00; 7.50; 8.00; 8.50; 9.00; 9.50; 10.00; 10.50; 11.00; 11.50; 12.00; 12.50; 13.00; 13.50; 14.00; 14.50; 15.00; 15.50; 16.00; 16.50; 17.00; 17.50; 18.00; 18.50; 19.00; 19.50; 20.00; 20.50; 21.00; 21.50; 22.00; 22.50; 23.00; 23.50; 24.00; 24.50; 25.00; 25.50; 26.00; 26.50; 27.00; 27.50; 28.00; 28.50; 29.00; 29.50; 30.00; 30.50; 31.00; 31.50; 32.00; 32.50; 33.00; 33.50; 34.00; 34.50; 35.00; 35.50; 36.00; 36.50; 37.00; 37.50; 38.00; 38.50; 39.00; 39.50; 40.00; 40.50; 41.00; 41.50; 42.00; 42.50; 43.00; 43.50; 44.00; 44.50; 45.00; 45.50; 46.00; 46.50; 47.00; 47.50; 48.00; 48.50; 49.00; 49.50; 50.00; 50.50; 51.00; 51.50; 52.00; 52.50; 53.00; 53.50; 54.00; 54.50; 55.00; 55.50; 56.00; 56.50; 57.00; 57.50; 58.00; 58.50; 59.00; 59.50; 60.00; 60.50; 61.00; 61.50; 62.00; 62.50; 63.00; 63.50; 64.00; 64.50; 65.00; 65.50; 66.00; 66.50; 67.00; 67.50; 68.00; 68.50; 69.00; 69.50; 70.00; 70.50; 71.00; 71.50; 72.00; 72.50; 73.00; 73.50; 74.00; 74.50; 75.00; 75.50; 76.00; 76.50; 77.00; 77.50; 78.00; 78.50; 79.00; 79.50; 80.00; 80.50; 81.00; 81.50; 82.00; 82.50; 83.00; 83.50; 84.00; 84.50; 85.00; 85.50; 86.00; 86.50; 87.00; 87.50; 88.00; 88.50; 89.00; 89.50; 90.00; 90.50; 91.00; 91.50; 92.00; 92.50; 93.00; 93.50; 94.00; 94.50; 95.00; 95.50; 96.00; 96.50; 97.00; 97.50; 98.00; 98.50; 99.00; 99.50; 100.00; 100.50; 101.00; 101.50; 102.00; 102.50; 103.00; 103.50; 104.00; 104.50; 105.00; 105.50; 106.00; 106.50; 107.00; 107.50; 108.00; 108.50; 109.00; 109.50; 110.00; 110.50; 111.00; 111.50; 112.00; 112.50; 113.00; 113.50; 114.00; 114.50; 115.00; 115.50; 116.00; 116.50; 117.00; 117.50; 118.00; 118.50; 119.00; 119.50; 120.00; 120.50; 121.00; 121.50; 122.00; 122.50; 123.00; 123.50; 124.00; 124.50; 125.00; 125.50; 126.00; 126.50; 127.00; 127.50; 128.00; 128.50; 129.00; 129.50; 130.00; 130.50; 131.00; 131.50; 132.00; 132.50; 133.00; 133.50; 134.00; 134.50; 135.00; 135.50; 136.00; 136.50; 137.00; 137.50; 138.00; 138.50; 139.00; 139.50; 140.00; 140.50; 141.00; 141.50; 142.00; 142.50; 143.00; 143.50; 144.00; 144.50; 145.00; 145.50; 146.00; 146.50; 147.00; 147.50; 148.00; 148.50; 149.00; 149.50; 150.00; 150.50; 151.00; 151.50; 152.00; 152.50; 153.00; 153.50; 154.00; 154.50; 155.00; 155.50; 156.00; 156.50; 157.00; 157.50; 158.00; 158.50; 159.00; 159.50; 160.00; 160.50; 161.00; 161.50; 162.00; 162.50; 163.00; 163.50; 164.00; 164.50; 165.00; 165.50; 166.00; 166.50; 167.00; 167.50; 168.00; 168.50; 169.00; 169.50; 170.00; 170.50; 171.00; 171.50; 172.00; 172.50; 173.00; 173.50; 174.00; 174.50; 175.00; 175.50; 176.00; 176.50; 177.00; 177.50; 178.00; 178.50; 179.00; 179.50; 180.00; 180.50; 181.00; 181.50; 182.00; 182.50; 183.00; 183.50; 184.00; 184.50; 185.00; 185.50; 186.00; 186.50; 187.00; 187.50; 188.00; 188.50; 189.00; 189.50; 190.00; 190.50; 191.00; 191.50; 192.00; 192.50; 193.00; 193.50; 194.00; 194.50; 195.00; 195.50; 196.00; 196.50; 197.00; 197.50; 198.00; 198.50; 199.00; 199.50; 200.00; 200.50; 201.00; 201.50; 202.00; 202.50; 203.00; 203.50; 204.00; 204.50; 205.00; 205.50; 206.00; 206.50; 207.00; 207.50; 208.00; 208.50; 209.00; 209.50; 210.00; 210.50; 211.00; 211.50; 212.00; 212.50; 213.00; 213.50; 214.00; 214.50; 215.00; 215.50; 216.00; 216.50; 217.00; 217.50; 218.00; 218.50; 219.00; 219.50; 220.00; 220.50; 221.00; 221.50; 222.00; 222.50; 223.00; 223.50; 224.00; 224.50; 225.00; 225.50; 226.00; 226.50; 227.00; 227.50; 228.00; 228.50; 229.00; 229.50; 230.00; 230.50; 231.00; 231.50; 232.00; 232.50; 233.00; 233.50; 234.00; 234.50; 235.00; 235.50; 236.00; 236.50; 237.00; 237.50; 238.00; 238.50; 239.00; 239.50; 240.00; 240.50; 241.00; 241.50; 242.00; 242.50; 243.00; 243.50; 244.00; 244.50; 245.00; 245.50; 246.00; 246.50; 247.00; 247.50; 248.00; 248.50; 249.00; 249.50; 250.00; 250.50; 251.00; 251.50; 252.00; 252.50; 253.00; 253.50; 254.00; 254.50; 255.00; 255.50; 256.00; 256.50; 257.00; 257.50; 258.00; 258.50; 259.00; 259.50; 260.00; 260.50; 261.00; 261.50; 262.00; 262.50; 263.00; 263.50; 264.00; 264.50; 265.00; 265.50; 266.00; 266.50; 267.00; 267.50; 268.00; 268.50; 269.00; 269.50; 270.00; 270.50; 271.00; 271.50; 272.00; 272.50; 273.00; 273.50; 274.00; 274.50; 275.00; 275.50; 276.00; 276.50; 277.00; 277.50; 278.00; 278.50; 279.00; 279.50; 280.00; 280.50; 281.00; 281.50; 282.00; 282.50; 283.00; 283.50; 284.00; 284.50; 285.00; 285.50; 286.00; 286.50; 287.00; 287.50; 288.00; 288.50; 289.00; 289.50; 290.00; 290.50; 291.00; 291.50; 292.00; 292.50; 293.00; 293.50; 294.00; 294.50; 295.00; 295.50; 296.00; 296.50; 297.00; 297.50; 298.00; 298.50; 299.00; 299.50; 300.

NEWS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO TOWNS.

LOOK
IN OUR
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A whole lot of Hats
there in nobby shapes
and swell colors—two,
three and four of a kind.
That's why we have cut
the prices so deep—to
hurry up the sale.

\$1.50 Fedora Hats for .95c
\$3.00 Fedora Hats for \$2.15
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It costs nothing to see
'em or try 'em on if you
want to.

Beautiful line of Boys' Star
Wings and all the very best
of the season.

Full line of Boys' Suits just
received. All colors and all sizes.

London Clothing Co.
117 to 125 Spring St.
Harris & Frank, Props.

This trade mark in every
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THE HATTER
Under Nadeau Hotel.

RAIN OR SHINE, we will
sell Agricultural
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MATHEWS & ARNOTT CO.
120-124 S. Los Angeles St.

Towne in the afternoon, D. E. Meyers
of Moreno presided at the meeting, and music
was furnished by the Arlington band.

William B. Fowler was arrested yesterday
at Casa Blanca with a stolen violin in his
possession. The instrument was stolen several
days ago from a San Diego man, and the
local officers were notified, with the above
result. Fowler was taken to San Diego to-
day.

The pony races at the Riverside Polo and
Golf course yesterday, with Judge W. D.
officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony
the bride and groom went to their new home
in Whittier place, where refreshments were
served.

The Minneapolis excursionists arrived in
Riverside at 1 o'clock this afternoon, lunch
at the Glenwood and in the afternoon took a
drive down to the river.

Towne discussed the silver ques-
tion at the Loring Operahouse tonight. A
score of friends, of which C. J. Cressman and
Sherman was chairman, went to San Bernar-
dino this morning, and returned with Mr.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—Weather,
rain; track, sloppy. Results:
Six furlongs: Carlotta C. won, Med-
dle second, Nannie Dunn third; time
1:16.
Half mile: Pearl Darnes won, Tyr
Shena second, Sir Florian third; time
0:51.
Mile and a quarter: Inflammatory
won, Rockwood second, Robert Bon-
ner third; time 3:05.
Six furlongs: Handicap: Dorah Wood
won, Robinson second, Direct third;
time 1:17.
Mile and one-eighth: Needah won,
Lafayette second, Mellie third; time
2:00.
Six furlongs: Randoza won, Wolford
second, Gigli third; time 1:17.

No Exhibit at Omaha.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The com-
mercial and industrial bodies of San Fran-
cisco to consider the feasibility of a Cal-
ifornia exhibit at the Transmississippi
Exposition in Omaha have today de-
cided to report to their respective
organizations that in view of the lack of
interest manifested and the absence of
any assurance that space could be ob-
tained at Omaha, the project was not
practicable at this time.

A NEW BARGAIN AT MOSBY'S.
SIX velvet caps, special price \$3.50 and \$5.
Elegant, dainty and new. No. 119 South
Spring street.

BROWN'S HOT AIR FURNACE.
Fits the climate and pocketbook. Heating
houses, halls, etc., a specialty. 123 E. Fourth
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which plays upon the natural forces,
and quickly and unerringly in-
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resistible natural cure of diseases, by increasing the cell prolifera-
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Papa has bought an
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NO MORE NASTY
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PASADENA.

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS ASSAULT
SUNDAY EVENING.

Funeral of Charles A. Givens—Mac-
cabees Give a Concert—Lecture
at Universalist Church on Moqui
Indians.

PASADENA, Feb. 17.—[Regular Correspond-
ence.] There is a report in connection
with the mysterious assault case, on last
Sunday evening on Lincoln avenue, which just
came to light this evening. On the same
night, about 11:30 o'clock, as Fred Downing
was on his way home and while on North
Pasadena avenue, he was accosted by a man,
who wanted to know what he was doing.
Downing replied that he was going home, and
the man who stopped him then said, "Well, I
want you. Come along with me." Downing
asked him to show his authority for taking
him along, and asked what he was charged
with. "That is my authority," was the reply
of the man, as "struck Downing with the
club. Downing has lived in Pasadena for
many years and knew all of the police, and
felt sure that the man who addressed him was
not an officer, so struck him with the club
whereupon the man with the club started on
a run up Pasadena avenue. His assailant,
Downing says, "I saw a light and a shadow
and had a gun handle in my hand, but I
was not sure who it was, but I thought the
man was, but thinks he could identify him."

FUNERAL OF CHARLES A. GIVENS.
Charles A. Givens, 31 years of age, was
buried this afternoon. The funeral car left
the Fourth-street station in Los Angeles at
1 o'clock and arrived at Lippincott's parlors
in this city an hour later, where the family
and friends of the deceased. The services were
conducted by Rev. A. C. Smithers of Los An-
geles, and the choir, "Resting Here and
Bye," "Beloved, It Is Well," and "The Silent
Grave." There was a great gathering of
friends. The interment was in Mount-In-
terden Cemetery. The deceased came to this
city from St. Louis.

THE MACCABEES' CONCERT.
The friends of Pasadena Tent, Knights of
the Maccabees, and Pasadena Hive, Ladies of
the Maccabees, turned out in large numbers
this evening in Auditorium Hall to listen to
musical treat by the Schubert Symphony Club
and Schubert Lady Quartette, assisted by
Louis McKee and his orchestra. The latter
a child violinist with remarkable talent.
The programme was an excellent one, and the
entertainment was very large.

PASADENA BREVIETTES.
At the meeting of the directors of the
Board of Trade tomorrow morning the
arrangements for the coming year will be
given on Monday evening next at the
Carlton. will be completed. The speeches
will be on time subjects, and will be
limited to ten minutes to each speaker.

President Dole has been invited to attend
the meeting of the Board of Trade tomorrow
morning at the Carlton. will be completed.
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will be limited to ten minutes to each speaker.

Prof. G. Wharton James lectured in the free
course in the Universalist Church this evening
on the Moqui Indians. The lecture was
illustrated by slides, photographs of which
were taken by the lecturer. The attendance
was very large.

Thirty-five Raymond & Whitcomb tour-
ists who are stopping at Hotel Green en-
joyed three days of pleasure in a motor
trip to Baldwin's ranch and the San Gabriel
Mission and partook of a picnic lunch at
noon.

Street Superintendent Buchanan asks the
citizens to refrain from throwing refuse
in the streets, especially on the streets of
Bermuda grass, as the latter is especially
troublesome.

The lecture at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow
(Friday) afternoon in Throop biological room
will be upon "The Great Naturalists," and
will be delivered by Prof. Hoag. The public
is invited.

The Executive Committee of the non-par-
tisan party met this evening in the office of
C. C. Brown, and decided nothing to give
out to the newspapers.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Sons of
Veterans initiated five candidates this evening,
and the Sons of Veterans supplied an
excellent supper.

Live Oaks Circle, Woodmen of the World,
and friends to a dance in Odd Fellows Hall.
George Washington hatchets at McCa-
men's.

Anthracite, all sizes. Jacobs & Son.

ORANGE COUNTY.
Packing-houses Sending Out Large
Quantities of Fruit.

SANTA ANA, Feb. 17.—[Regular Correspond-
ence.] A visit to the orange packing
houses these days is interesting, and the
amount of first-quality fruit that is going out
is surprising. A representative of a large
fruit concern who was in Santa Ana today
says the oranges that are being shipped from
this section show the effects of frost less than
any he has seen. He has been buying oranges
for years, and is well posted. Manager & Co.
advises, who are working a force of ten men at
the brick packing-house near the old South-
ern Pacific depot, that the fruit is in fine
shape and four this week, mostly Orval and
seedlings, with a few Mediterranean, all for
Alton Bros. The fruit and oranges are packed
in Tustin, El Modena and McPherson.

A FAMILY OF INVENTORS.
Letters patent were today received by Percy
P. Rice, a fifteen-year-old boy of Tustin, for
a buggy shaft and pole coupler. The device
is a practical, rapid one for changing buggy
poles and shafts, subjects both with a bolt
or tape. Merrill Rice, a brother of the
patentee, is forming a stock company to build a
motor, on which a patent has been secured
him, and will give his machine a practical
test. James W. Rice, another brother,
is one of the patentees of a pruning-shear
device, which has attracted considerable at-
tention.

ORANGE COUNTY BREVIETTES.
Secretary White of the Chamber of Com-
merce has arranged for a meeting of the de-
cisions-fruit growers who are interested in
forming an association, at "Spurgeon's" Hall,
Santa Ana, on Friday, February 25, when
Prof. A. R. Sprague, the organizer, will be
present and thoroughly explicate proposed
plan.

Several free races will take place at the
race track next Tuesday, in which a number
of good local horses have been entered.
Ambrose M. Martin, who died in the city
yesterday, was buried this afternoon with
Masonic rites.

Revival services are still going on at the
Free Methodist Church.

VENTURA COUNTY.
Town Trustees Call on Water Com-
pany for a Statement.

VENTURA, Feb. 17.—[Regular Correspond-
ence.] The Board of Town Trustees held an
special session last evening. An ordinance
prohibiting the erection of any corrugated
iron or wooden building within the city
limits was passed. As a committee of the
whole a resolution was adopted demanding
that the general manager and secretary of
the Santa Ana Water Company furnish the
board with a written statement giving a
detailed and itemized account of expendi-
tures under the heading of general A-
menities and office expenses as per their
annual statement already filed; also detailed
and itemized account of amounts paid on
construction and improvements during the
year; the cost of their reservoirs; land owned
by the company; cost of laying of pipes dur-
ing the year; the report to be furnished on
or before Monday night.

The attorneys in the case of Mrs. Nancy

A. D. Taylor vs. W. P. McGonigle et al.
received notification this morning that the
Superior Court had affirmed the decision of
the Superior Court of this county in this
case. This decision establishes the disputed
boundary between the Santa Milagrito and ex-
Mission ranchos. The boundary lines of
many small tracts of land are affected by
this decision.

Word has been received here that Sidney
Hampton is in the Bakerfield jail, charged
with the murder of a woman, and is also
also for resisting an officer. According to
the report Hampton, whose residence is in the
Lockwood mining district, in the north-
ern part of this county, was poaching on the
Greenfield ranch, which is across the
boundary line in Kern county, and when
Constable Tibbets attempted to arrest him
Hampton resisted, and the Constable shot
Hampton in the leg.

The case of Wolf & Lehman of Huene-
me vs. L. Lewis, for breach of contract, is
now on trial in the Superior Court. Wolf
& Lehman are suing for \$1200 damage,
alleged to have been lost by Lewis not
having delivered some barley in contract
with them. Lewis claims there was a clause
attached whereby they were to purchase
some lima beans, which they refused to do,
therefore he did not deliver the barley. The
commission men of this case, and espe-
cially of Huene-me, are watching with in-
terest the progress of the case.

The local Knights of Pythias lodge will
give an entertainment at the Superior Court
Pythias, on Friday evening. If successful
they will reproduce it at Santa Paula.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.
Dan Long, the Missing Contractor,
Seen in Nevada.

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 17.—[Regular Cor-
respondence.] N. Wines, manager of the stage
company, states that he met Dan Long, the
missing contractor, in Reno, Nev., Monday.
Long is a well-known contractor, and was
last seen in the Superior Court, where he
was under the influence of liquor. Mr. Long
has returned from Los Angeles and says
that his mother has been dead several
years. He is evidently wandering mentally
and physically.

Another gang of burglars took undisputed
possession of State Street yesterday night,
beginning at John Freche's bicycle store, where
they secured some razors but no money after
prying open the desks. They then went to
the building next door, occupied by the stage
company, but left without getting into the
store. They entered the street where they
secured \$250 in change from the stage
company's bill office, on Chaparral street,
and found nothing to reward them for the
labor of breaking in.

J. C. Baker of the many aliases, was ex-
amined before Justice Crane yesterday for
the charge of burglary. The examination
on the main point was not proved, the case was
dismissed. Another charge pending against
him was withdrawn, and he was released
from jail in time to take the afternoon train
for Los Angeles.

The new Catholic Church in El Monte will
be dedicated next Sunday morning. At-
tending the ceremony will be the Rev. Father
Angelo, who will conduct the service. The
Fraternal of the Mission will have charge of
the parish, and Rev. Father Godoli will be
the officiating pastor.

Benjamin Page and Miss Mary E. Moyle,
both of Pittsburgh, Pa., were married yester-
day afternoon at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Wade in El Monte by Rev. F. Car-
roll. The bride and groom departed for San
Francisco after the ceremony.

Mrs. C. H. Kellor, who died in Los Angeles
Tuesday, was buried from the church in San
Pedro this afternoon. Mrs. Kellor had resided
in this city about twenty years. Two sons,
Archie and Victor, and one daughter, Bessie,
survive her.

The County of Santa Maria has instituted
proceedings for divorce from his wife, Helen
B. Cook on the grounds of desertion.
The Santa Maria County Court has granted
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CHARGES AGAINST SANTA FE AND
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Evidence of a Secret Combination.
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SAN DIEGO, Feb. 17.—[Regular Correspond-
ence.] The San Diego Union publishes this
morning some serious charges that are made
against the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific
railroads. It states that evidence of a secret
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